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BLOOD LAD

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BLOOD LAD
DOES BRAZ HONESTLY WANT TO MAKE THESE TWO FIGHT...?
THEY BOTH HAVE... RIDICULOUS AMOUNTS OF MAGIC .....

CHAPTER 41 ♠
HEART-WRENCHING MEMORIES

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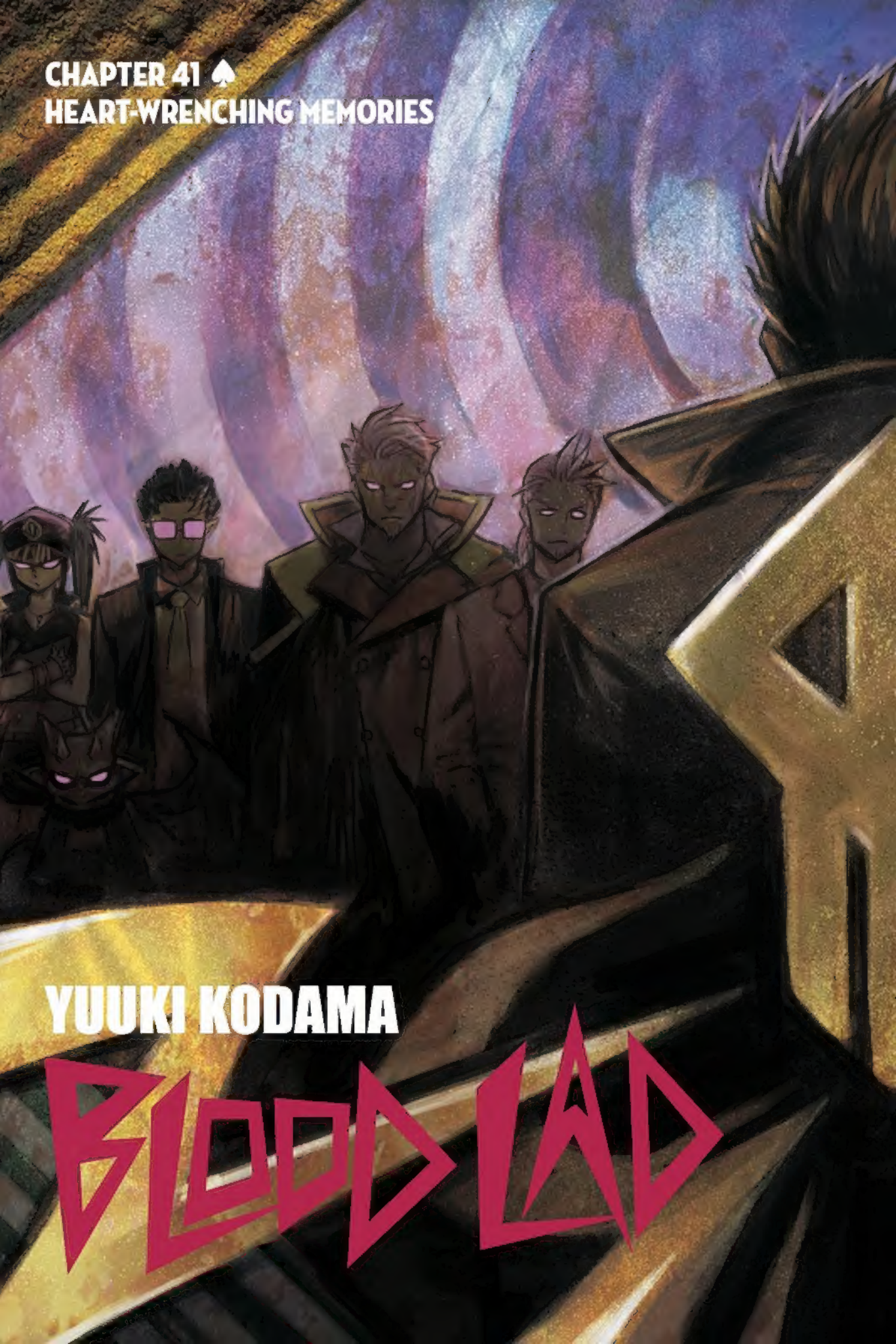
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IF...
カチャ
KACHA (CHK)
...BRAZ.
ZA (KTCH)
...YOU ARE A CRIMINAL OF HISTORICAL PROPORTIONS .....
...WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE...
...BUT HISTORY IS ABOUT TO BE REWRITTEN...
INDEED, I AM A TRAITOR TO WOLF DADDY— THE CURRENT KING...
KACHA
カチャ...

ゴゴオオン
GOGOOON (BWOOONG)
...RIGHT HERE.

A DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS ROYAL REMATCH...? THIS IS ABSURD...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES...!

DUUUDE.
...IS TREMBLING ALL OVER AT HEARING OF YOUR NEFARIOUS DEEDS...
GACHI (SHIVER)
GACHI
GACHI
LOOK! YOUR POOR LITTLE BROTHER...
I RESPECT OUR FATHER, AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE THE SAME BLOOD IN MY VEINS... BESIDES—
SEE, THERE YOU GO! QUIT PUTTING YOUR OWN FAMILY ON SUCH A HIGH PEDESTAL!
WHY SHOULDN'T I? IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.
BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
WITH A STRAIGHT FACE IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE?
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY DOING THIS "MY DAD IS THE BEST!" THING...?
...I DON'T WANT THAT STUBBORN, OLD-FASHIONED GUY TO BE KING AGAIN!
EVEN IF THE OLD MAN REALLY DID COME BACK TO LIFE...

HEH...
OH, OF COURSE ...
HEY. ENOUGH ALREADY.
OUR FATHER WAS ALWAYS SCOLDING YOU FOR BEING UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF...
AND TO BE CONSTANTLY COMPARED TO ME...HOW YOUR SENSE OF INFERIORITY MUST HAVE TORMENTED YOU!
WHY YOU.....
HAHA HA
BIKI (POP)
BIKI
I WAS NOT THE ONE WHO HAD THE REAL TALENT...
HOW-EVER ...

YOU COULD NEVER UNDER-STAND.
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OOOO OOOOHO
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SO... SHALL WE BE OFF?
オ
TO SEE THE KING...

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ZUU (HSS)

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DO (COMMA)

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DO

RICHARZ ...

BO (FWOO)

BO

BO

DO

DO

DO

ドド
DO (DRUM)
ZUU (HISS)
ドド
DO

RICHARZ
...
BO
(FWOO
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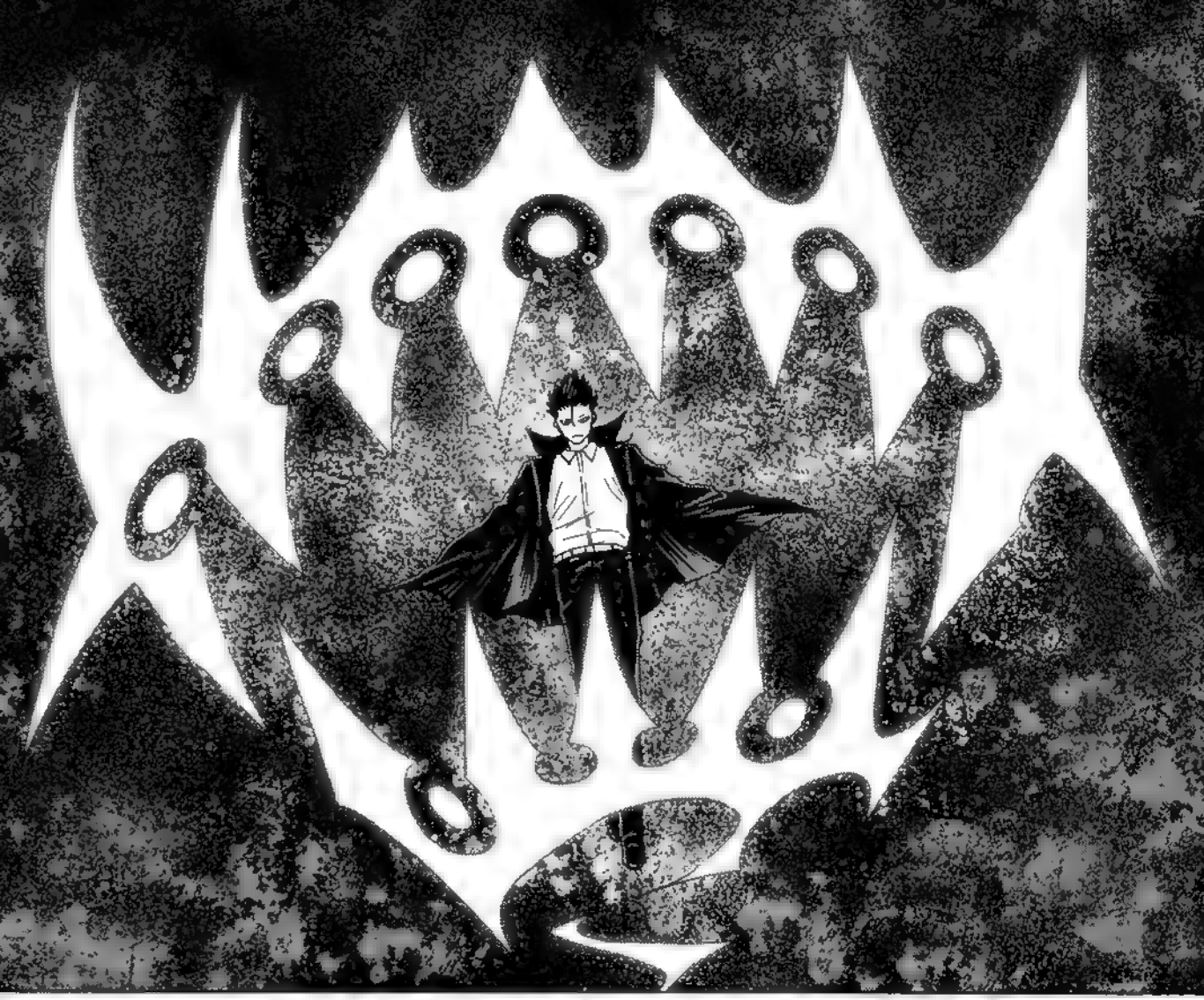
GYAO
(LEAP)
DO
(VOOM)

GAH-HA-
HA-HA!!

GOO
(VWOOSH)
DON
(BOOM)



IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR STRENGTH HASN'T WANED A BIT...
...WOLF DADDY.

I OUGHTA BE THE ONE TO SAY THAT...

SERIOUSLY, YOU DIDN'T GIVE A CRAP I WAS STANDING RIGHT HERE, DID YOU...?
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FUWA
フワ
FUWA (FLOAT)
OKAY, ARE YOU GUYS DONE REMINISCING?
IT REALLY, TRULY IS...
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
...YOU, RICHARZ.
IT IS...
HEH HEH HEH ...
スタ・・・
SUTA (TMP)
SORRY, HEADS. BUT YOU SHOULD ADDRESS YOUR COMPLAINTS TO WOLF DADDY.
SO, YOUR ABILITIES ARE THE SAME AS EVER...
THAT'S A RELIEF.
ALLOW ME TO RETURN THE MAGIC I JUST ABSORBED.

...DOES BRAZ KNOW ABOUT THE "DOOR"?
I HAVE ONE QUESTION, THOUGH...
YES ...
AHA...SO HE'S THE ONE WHO WENT AND RESURRECTED YOU, HUH...
I DON'T THINK HE DOES...
..... NAH.
OOO-KAY...
...NOT.
OBVI-OUSLY ...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, WOLF DADDY...?
BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP IT A SECRET MUCH LONGER...
.....
UHH ...
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT SHOULD I BE HEARING THIS CON-VERSATION?

ENJOYING YOUR CHAT?
... RIGHT.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE MADE UP ALREADY...?
HOLDING HANDS AND EVERY-THING...
ZA (STEP)

JUST AS I PROMISED ...
BRAZ ...
YEAH... SO YOU HAVE...
...I'VE COME TO MEET THE KING'S CHALLENGE.
OTHER THAN ME, THIS IS THE ONLY MAN WORTHY OF THE THRONE...
.....
YOU KEPT THAT PROMISE TO THE LETTER.
...BROUGHT SOMEONE WORTHY OF THE THRONE...

KA
(CLACK)
BASA
(FLAP)
...HAVE NO DESIRE TO RECLAIM THE THRONE.
I, HOW-EVER ...

I'M SORRY, BRAZ.
WELL, THAT'S JUST FINE, BUT...
.....
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE KING...
...THEN I GOTTA HAVE THIS KID EXECUTED.
THAT WAS THE DEAL WE HAD...
YES, I KNOW.
ピタ
PITA (FREEZE)

BASHUU (PSHHHT)
KACHI
KACHI (CLICK)
WAIT A SEC. ARE YOU...
HEY, HEY...
...YOU CAME HERE TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH, DIDN'T YOU...?
... BRAZ ...
... REALLY GONNA .....

.....
TAKE A LOOK.
THIS IS MY ANSWER.
...WHAT IS IT...?
!
ドス
DOSU (STAB)

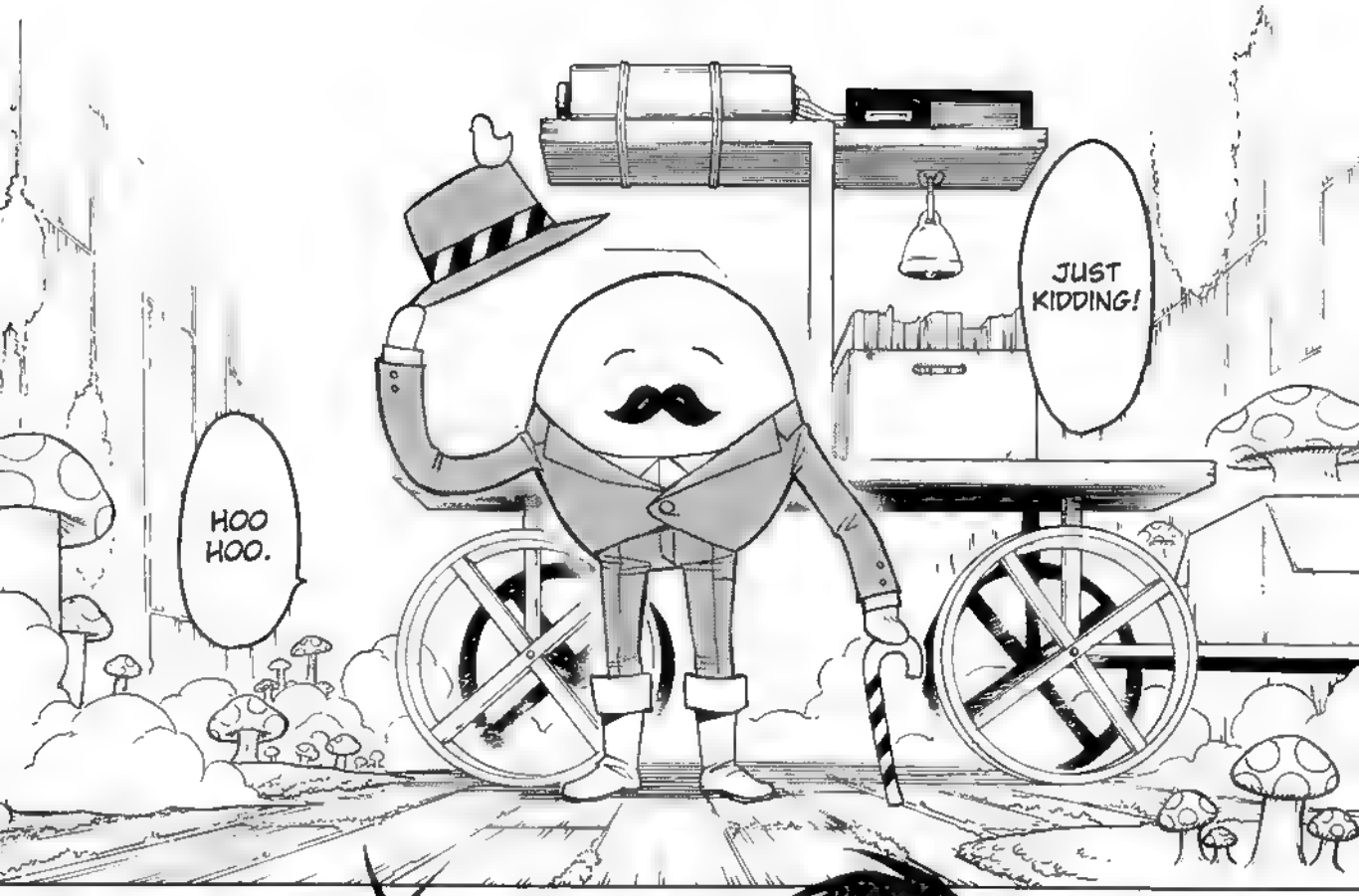
WHAAAT!?
WAIT!
DO (STHID)
GAKUN (SLUMP)
GUH!
BACK UP A MINUTE, MISTER!!
WHOA, WHOA!
YES. LET'S CALL IT THAT.
SO, THIS IS YOUR "EXECUTION"...?
OH, THIS?
YEAH, THAT! WHAT'D YOU DO!!?
BUT FORGET THAT! WHAT'S THAT STABBY THING!?
HOW ARE YOU NOT MORE UPSET ABOUT THIS!? IT'S CREEPY!
IS THAT YOU, STAZ...!? YOU'VE GROWN.

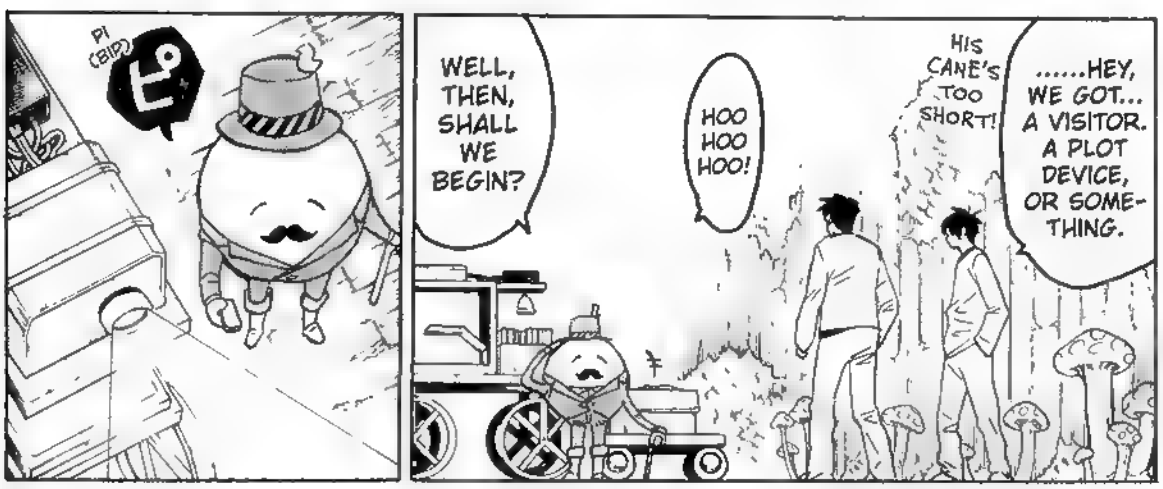
SERI-OUSLY ...?
DOSU (STAB)
THAT ...
I'M SORRY... STAZ. YOU FACE THE DEATH PENALTY TOO.
DOSA (THUD)
HOW DO WE TAKE CARE OF 'EM NOW...?
YOU WENT AND DID THAT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING...
HOO BOY ...
GURU (DIZZY)

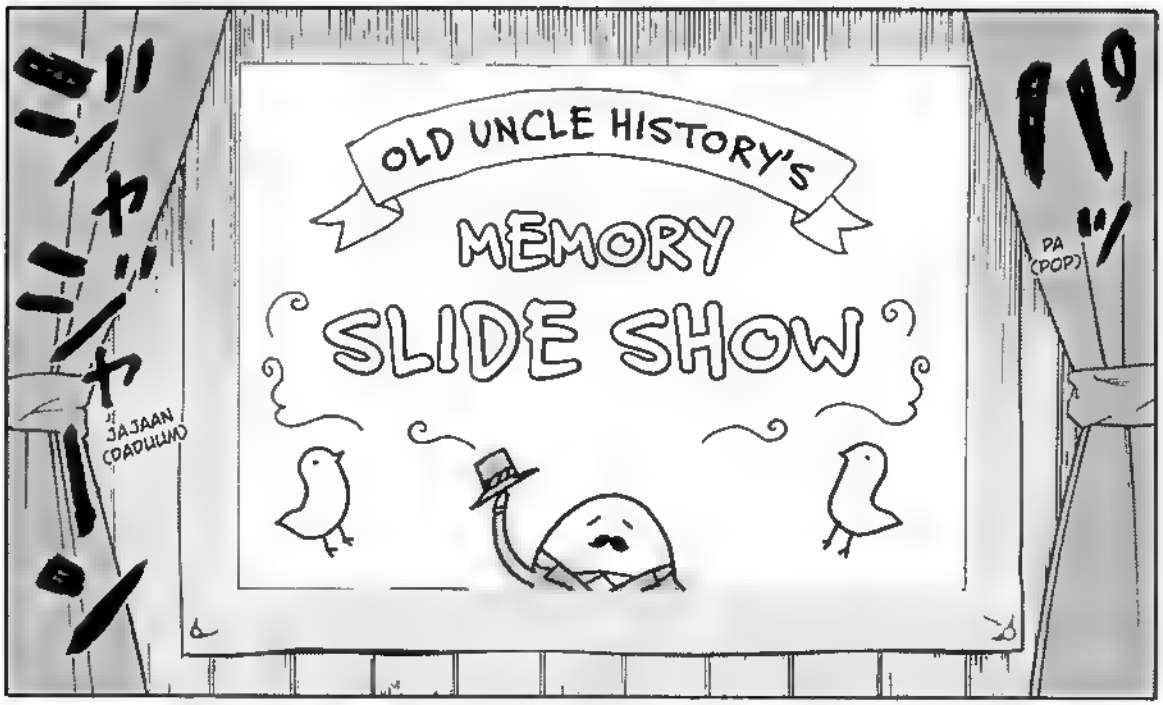
WHOA.
BROTHER ...?
.....
WHERE... AM I...?

IS THAT YOU, STAZ ...?
I JUST WOKE UP HERE MYSELF...
I DON'T KNOW ...
HEY.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE!?
HEY!
SO DAD REALLY DID STAB ME...
.....I SEE.
THE OLD MAN JUST WENT AND STABBED ME, AND I WOKE UP HERE!
HELL IF I KNOW!
HUH!?
IS THIS THE AFTER-LIFE...?
YOU PUT EVERYTHING ON THE LINE BELIEVING DAD WOULD GO BACK TO BEING KING AGAIN...
WELL... I MEAN, I GET IT...
DANG... YOU'RE SERIOUSLY ALL THE WAY DOWN IN THE DUMPS...
I SEE .....
I DON'T WANNA DEAL WITH THIS...
THAT'D GET ANYBODY DOWN.
AND THEN IT'S BAM, TOO BAD, BAM, YOU'RE DEAD.
YOU SPENT WHAT, TEN YEARS ON THAT?

YOU COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND ...
THAT LINE AGAIN...
RIGHT, I DON'T UNDER-STAND. SO?
GA (GRAB)
OH.
OHH?
WHAT, YOU WANNA GO? HUH?
KARAN (CLANG)
KARAN
KARAN
THIS IS A MISTAKE... DAD MUST HAVE HIS REASONS...
JUST TAKE IT EASY AND ENJOY...
...YOUR NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE.
NOW, NOW...NO FIGHTING.
ZA (STEP)


HOO HOO.
JUST KIDDING!


PI (SIP)
WELL, THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN?
HOO HOO HOO!
HIS CANE'S TOO SHORT!
.....HEY, WE GOT... A VISITOR. A PLOT DEVICE, OR SOMETHING.


OLD UNCLE HISTORY'S
MEMORY
SLIDE SHOW
JAJAAN (DADUUM)
PA (POP)

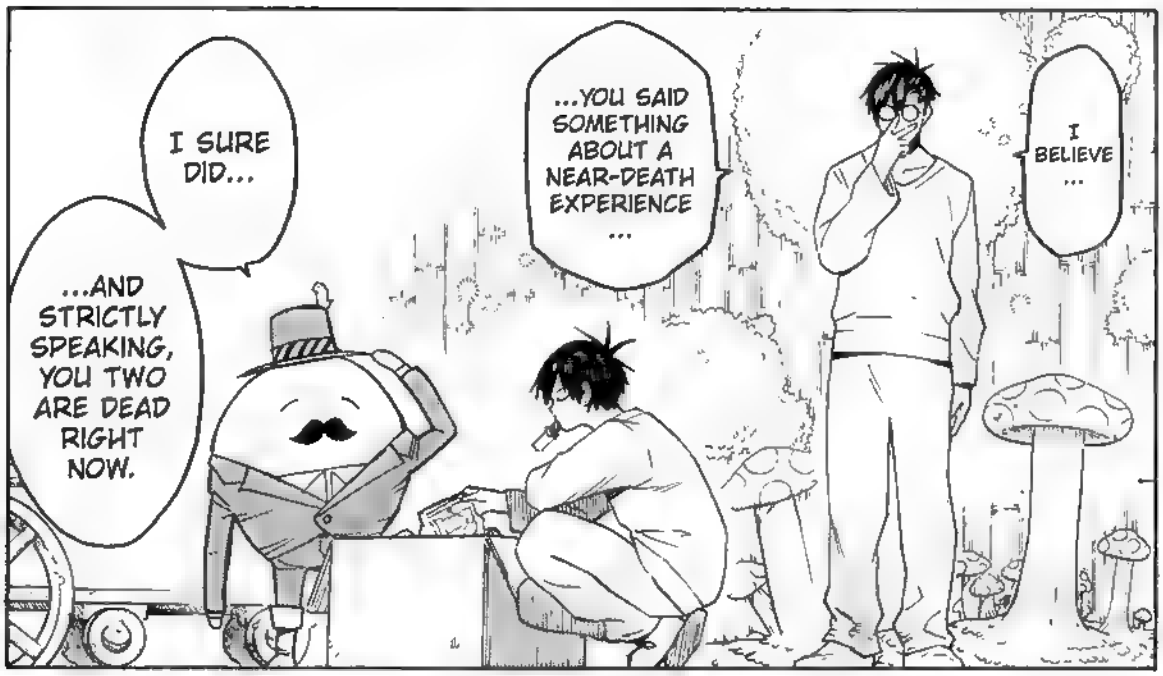
I...GOT A SOFT SPOT FOR THIS KINDA THING.
.....

FOR REAL?
HOO HOO!
AND HAVE SOME CANDY... HERE YOU ARE.

WAIT, STAZ.
HOO HOO!
HAVE WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
OH MAN, I HAVEN'T SEEN THESE SINCE I WAS LITTLE!

NOW, GATHER ROUND!
HAVE A SEAT RIGHT THERE... HOO HOO!

SHUT UP.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE IS. WHO KNOWS WHAT THAT FOOD WILL DO TO YOU?
YOU'RE TOO QUICK TO TRUST MYSTERIOUS CREATURES WHO APPEAR SUDDENLY.
...
OOH. GINGER ALE FOR ME.
THERE'S JUICE TOO.

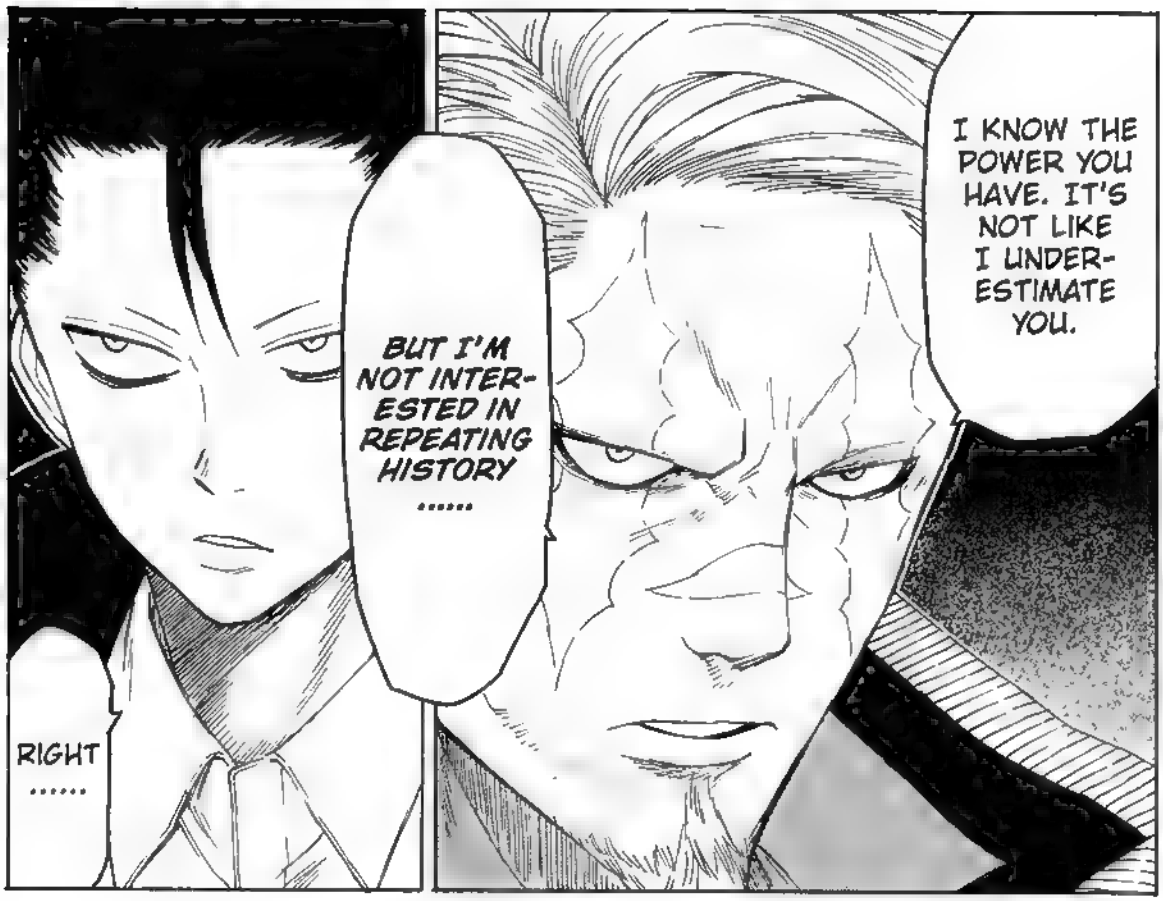

I SURE DID...
...AND STRICTLY SPEAKING, YOU TWO ARE DEAD RIGHT NOW.
...YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE ...
I BELIEVE ...

HAVE YOU GOT ANY LIQUOR?
YES...IF BEER'S ALL RIGHT.
...
AH... ANYTHING TO DRINK FOR YOU?
YOU CAN THINK OF THIS PLACE AS KIND OF A BORDERLAND BETWEEN THAT WORLD AND THE NEXT WORLD...

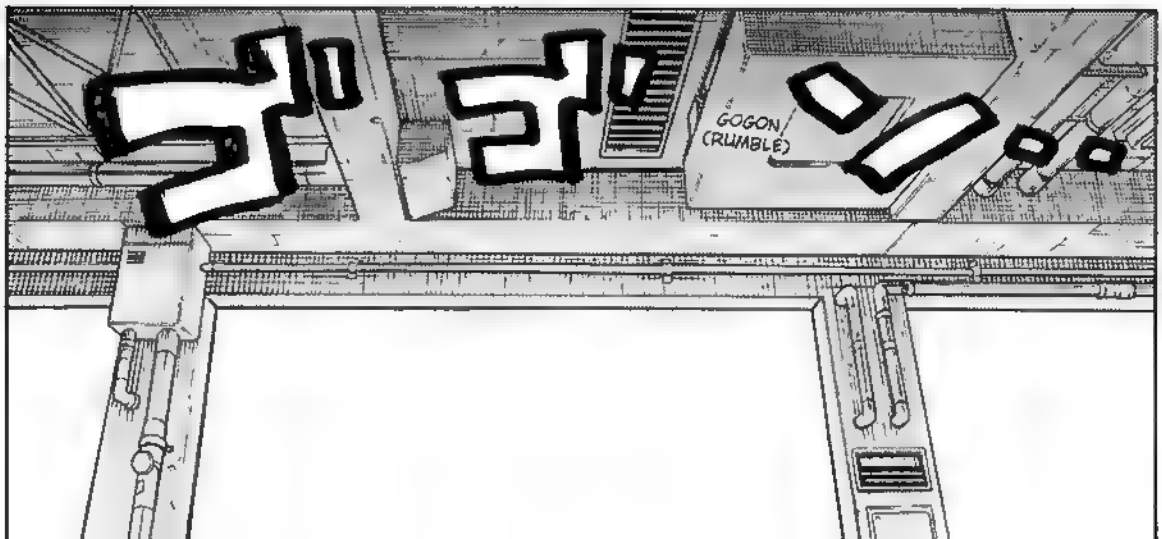
DID YOU REALLY KILL 'EM?
HEY, WHAT'S THE DEAL HERE...?
CHIIN (DOOONG)
ちーーん
.....
THEY'RE YOUR OWN KIDS...
WHAT IS THAT THING, ANYWAY ...?
FUKI (WIPE)
フキフキ
FUKI
OH, THAT ...?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MEAN.
PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY'RE HIS KIDS...

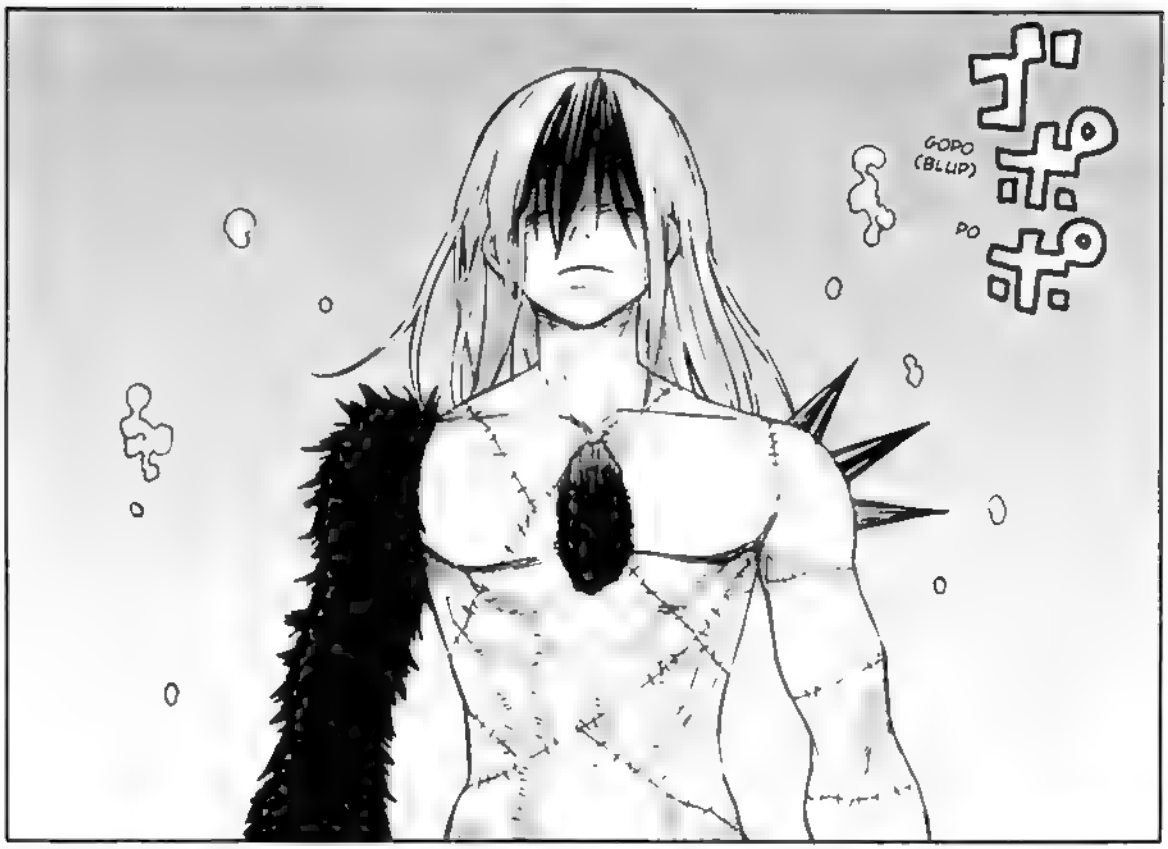
IT'S CALLED THE HISTORY KEY. A TOP-SECRET ARTIFACT OF THE ACROPOLIS.
IT'S A TRANSPORTER. STAB SOMEONE WITH IT AND IT SENDS THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS OFF TO A CERTAIN PLACE.
.....
HUH .....
ONLY THE KING IS ALLOWED TO KNOW WHERE IT'S KEPT.
GO ゴゴ
GO
WHA?
GO ゴゴ
GO (RUMBLE)

NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
?
GACHI
GACHI (SHAKE)
SO...
OW OW OW.
LET'S GET TO THE POINT.
GOOOOM
WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT THING...
...WHICH COULD GET HERE ANY SECOND NOW...



THAT'S WHY WE NEED ALLIES.





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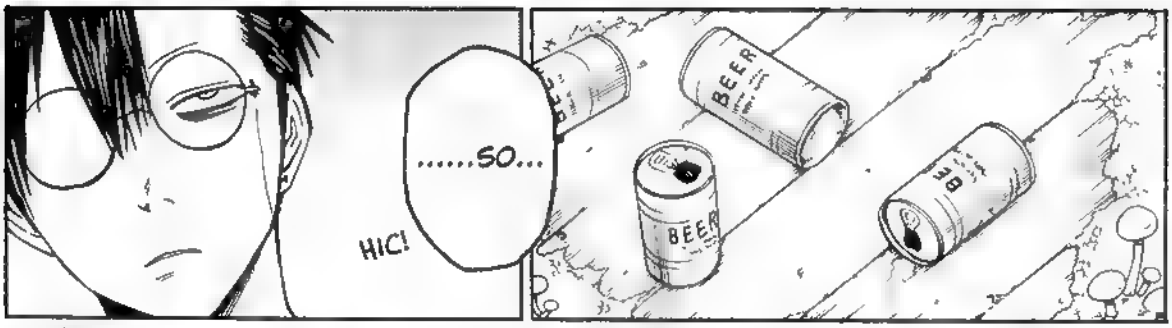
.....SO...
HIC!
BEER
BEER

EXACTLY WHAT IS IT THAT'S ABOUT TO BEGIN?
DEN (RELAXED)
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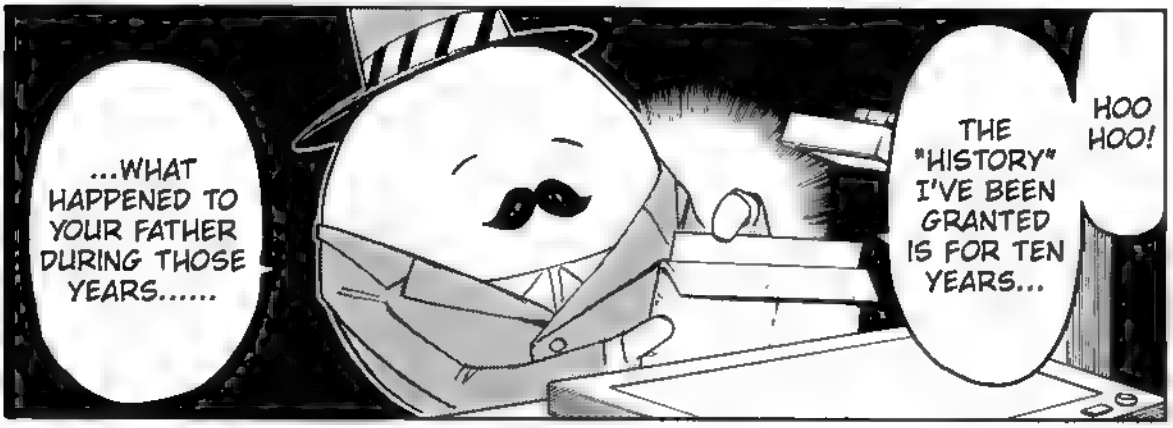
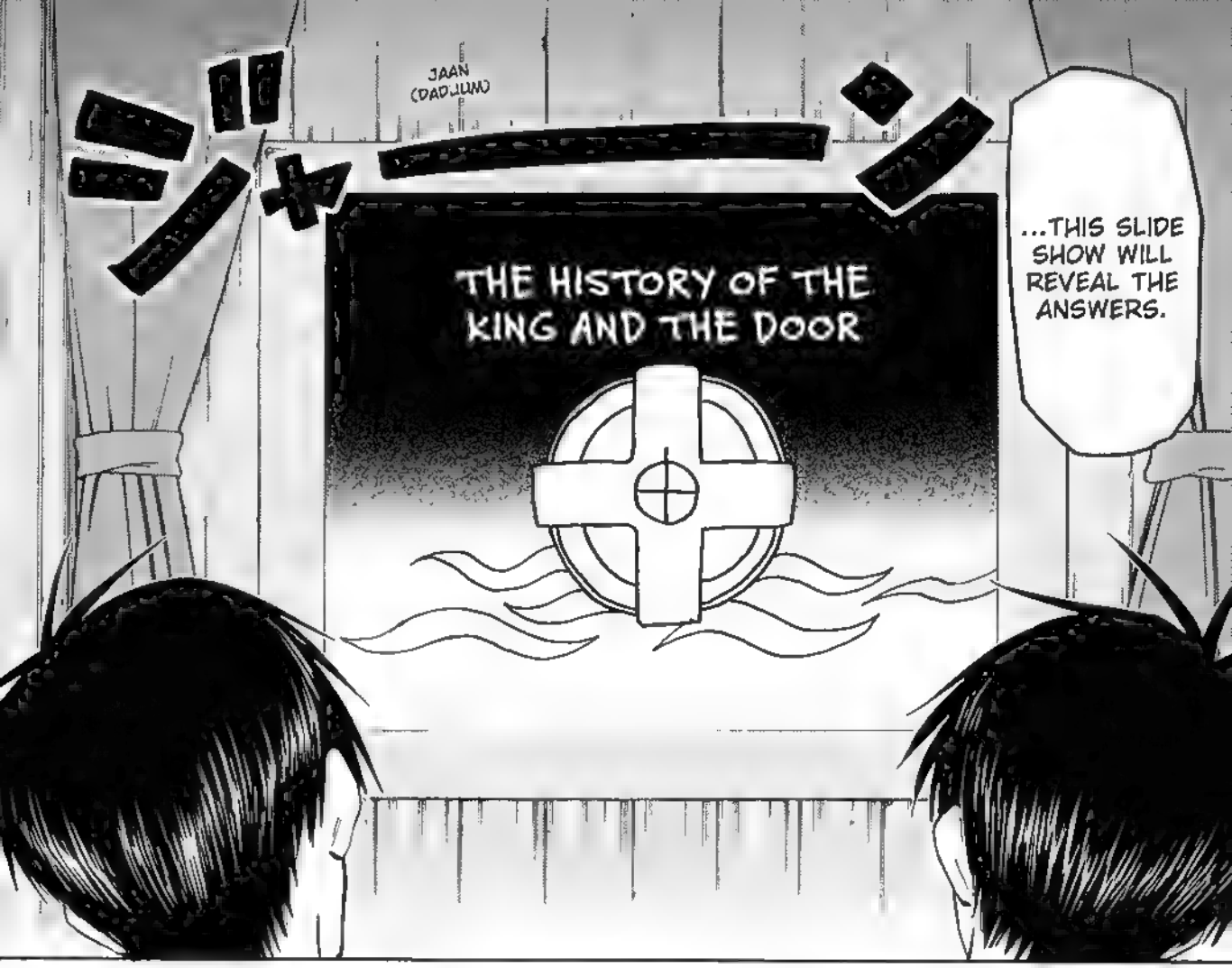
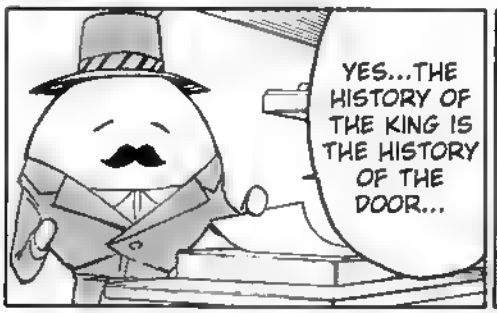
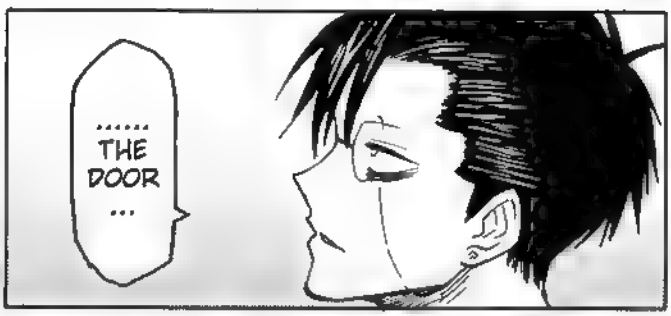

...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FATHER DURING THOSE YEARS.....
THE "HISTORY" I'VE BEEN GRANTED IS FOR TEN YEARS...
HOO HOO!


JAAN (DADJUM)
THE HISTORY OF THE KING AND THE DOOR
...THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL REVEAL THE ANSWERS.

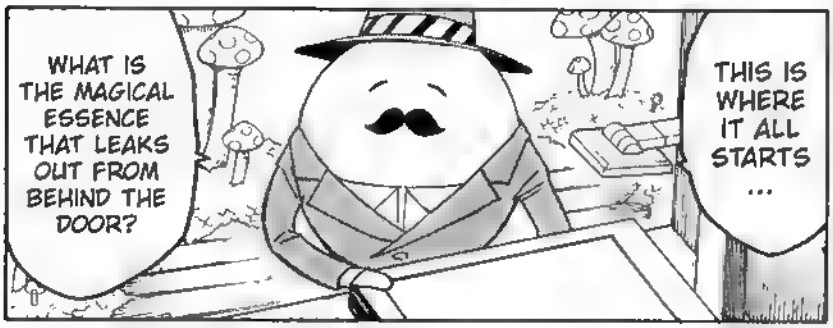

YES...THE HISTORY OF THE KING IS THE HISTORY OF THE DOOR...


..... THE DOOR ...

(OOOOM)
A HISTORY FILLED WITH FIGHTING...
HOO HOO.

LET'S BEGIN WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT MAGICAL ESSENCE IS.
...IS A SECRET KEPT SINCE THE DEMON WORLD'S "FIRST KING"— UNTIL THIS VERY MOMENT.
THIS...

.....WELL, IT'S FROM THE HUMAN WORLD...
WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
BY THE WAY, HEADS, THIS IS PRETTY GOOD BOOZE.
YEAH!
EVERY-ONE, SETTLE IN AND LISTEN.
WAIT, WHY ARE WE HAVING, LIKE, A PARTY FOR THE BIG REVEAL? THIS IS WEIRD.

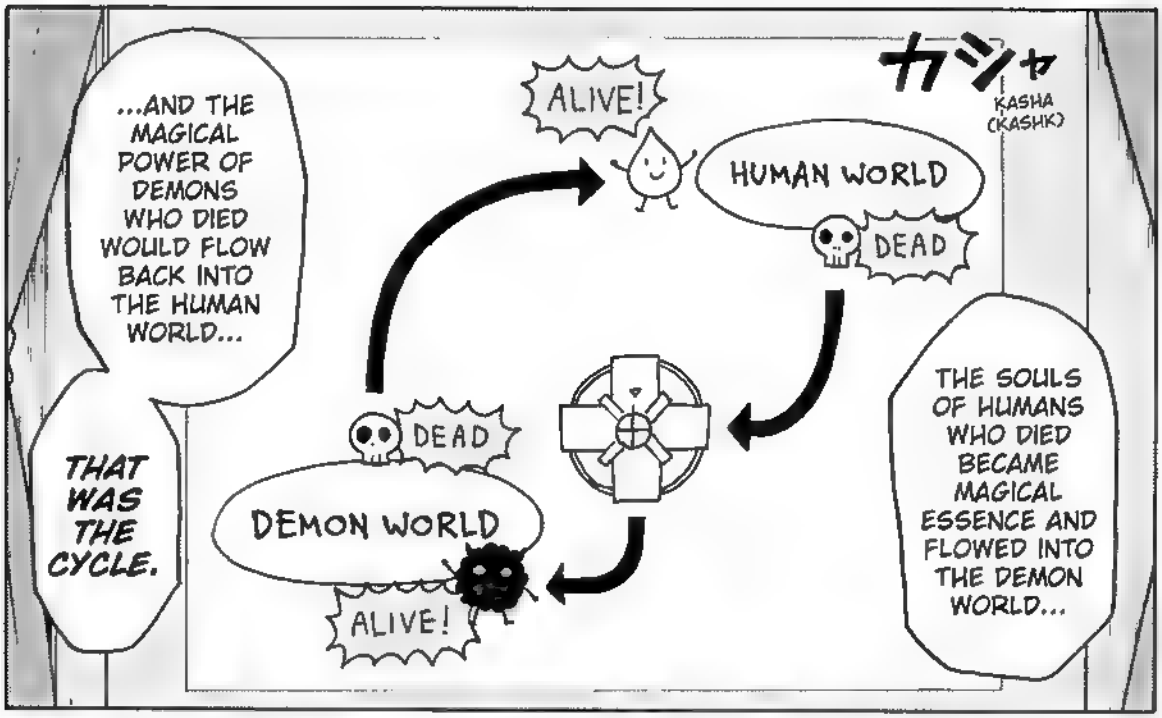

WHAT IS THE MAGICAL ESSENCE THAT LEAKS OUT FROM BEHIND THE DOOR?
THIS IS WHERE IT ALL STARTS ...

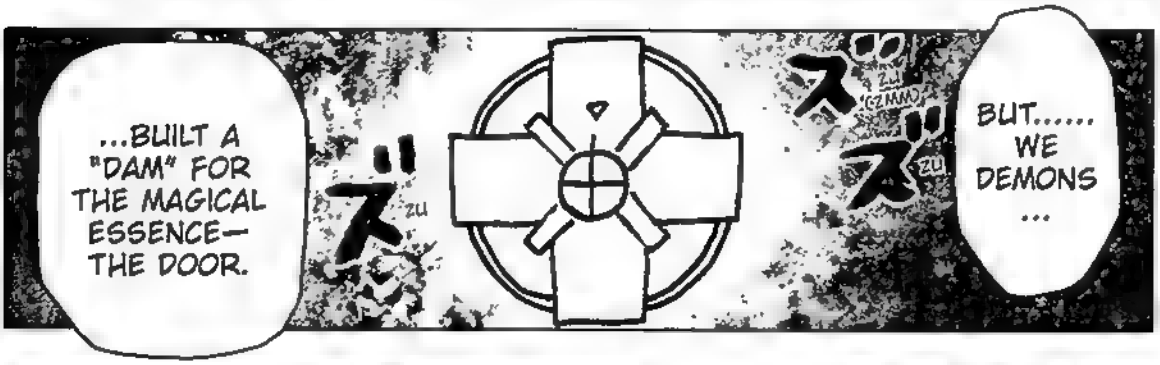
KASHA (KASHK)
カシャ
MAGICAL ESSENCE— WHAT IS IT?
ESSENCE-KUN

IS THIS AC-TUALLY LIKE A QUIZ SHOW?
OH...
DOES ANYONE KNOW?

HMM.
THAT'S BASICALLY CORRECT, BUT YOU'VE LEFT OUT ONE IMPORTANT THING...
HOO HOO!
MAGICAL ESSENCE IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF OUR BODIES.
EVERY DEMON HAS IT CIRCULATING THROUGH THEIR BODY, GIVING THEM THE POWER OF MAGIC, AND KEEPING THEM ALIVE.
"WHAT" WAS IT BEFORE LEAKING OUT FROM BEHIND THAT DOOR...?
カシャ‥
KASHA (KASHK)
AND THAT IS...WHERE DOES MAGICAL ESSENCE COME FROM?
..... IT'S PROB-ABLY ...
...WHAT HUMANS CALL "SOULS."
BI (RIP)
...THAT PICTURE JUST LOOKS LIKE HARD CANDY GETTING MADE INTO COTTON CANDY.....
YEAH, I KNOW THAT.
HOW DUMB D'YOU THINK I AM?
Hoo Hoo!
HARD CANDY IS NOT THE ANSWER.
BZZT! SORRY!

AND IN MY RESEARCH, I'VE FOUND THAT IT BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO OUR MAGIC.
LIFE ENERGY... AURA...WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, HUMANS HAVE A TINY AMOUNT OF POWER, SO SMALL IT'S *INVISIBLE*...
カシャ
KASHA (KASHK)
SOUL-CHAN
DEAD...
THAT'S CORRECT ...
.....
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT, Y'KNOW...
YEAH... YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU TRICKED ME, SAYING YOU'D BRING FUYUMI BACK TO LIFE.
WORLDS EXISTING IN PARALLEL, SEPARATE BUT ONE...
YES... ORIGINALLY, THE DEMON WORLD AND THE HUMAN WORLD WERE CONNECTED IN THE REPEATING CYCLES OF DEATH AND REBIRTH.


...AND THE MAGICAL POWER OF DEMONS WHO DIED WOULD FLOW BACK INTO THE HUMAN WORLD...
THAT WAS THE CYCLE.
ALIVE!
HUMAN WORLD
DEAD
カシャ
KASHA (KASHK)
THE SOULS OF HUMANS WHO DIED BECAME MAGICAL ESSENCE AND FLOWED INTO THE DEMON WORLD...
DEAD
DEMON WORLD
ALIVE!


...BUILT A "DAM" FOR THE MAGICAL ESSENCE— THE DOOR.
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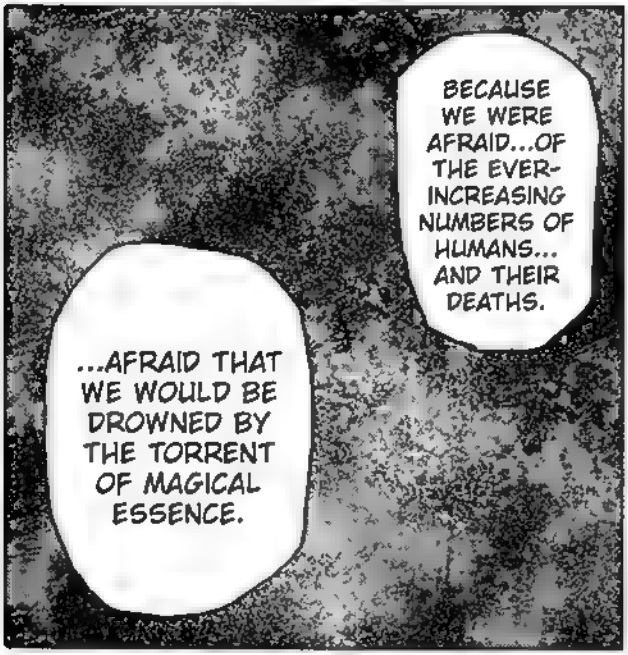
ズ zu (GZMM)
BUT..... WE DEMONS ...


BECAUSE WE WERE AFRAID...OF THE EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS OF HUMANS... AND THEIR DEATHS.
...AFRAID THAT WE WOULD BE DROWNED BY THE TORRENT OF MAGICAL ESSENCE.

WHY ...?

SO SHOULDN'T LOTS OF MAGICAL ESSENCE BE, LIKE, GOOD TIMES ROLLIN'?
US DEMONS LIVE OFF MAGICAL ESSENCE, RIGHT?
.....
I DON'T REALLY GET IT...
EXCESS INTAKE IS SIMPLY DISCHARGED EXTERNALLY.....
.....NO. DEMONS CAN ONLY ABSORB AS MUCH MAGIC AS THEIR OWN "VESSEL" CAN HOLD.
IN FACT, THIS IS A METHOD OFTEN USED TO TORTURE *WEAKLINGS*...
HEH HEH.
HEH
THAT'S SICK!
BUT, IF THE ENVIRONMENT IS SO FULL OF MAGICAL ESSENCE THAT THERE'S NO MORE ROOM TO DISCHARGE IT...
...WE WILL LITERALLY DROWN IN IT.
HOO HOO HOO!
BUT NOT ONLY THE *WEAKLINGS* WOULD DROWN...

カシャ
KASHA
(KASHK)

WHO'S THAT?
?
!

HIS NAME IS HERRSCHAFT GRIMM.

THE MAN WHO WAS THE FIRST KING OF DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS.
HE WAS SEALED INSIDE THAT DOOR...
WHA—
IN THERE, GRIMM'S BODY WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE MAGICAL ESSENCE, AND HE DIED.
WHAT'S SEALED IN THERE NOW IS HIS "MAGIC."
NO...
WHAT THE... SEALED...? IS HE ALIVE!?

OUR BODIES ARE MADE OF MAGICAL ESSENCE...
...AS YOU SAID A MOMENT AGO.
AND THAT MEANS ...
...THE "MAGIC" THAT LETS US LIVE AND MOVE...
...IS ALWAYS PRESENT, SHELTERED IN THE MAGICAL ESSENCE THAT MAKES UP OUR PHYSICAL FORMS.
SO, EVEN IF A DEMON'S BODY SHOULD CEASE TO FUNCTION...
...HIS MAGIC WILL NOT DISAPPEAR, AS LONG AS IT'S SURROUNDED BY THE SIMILARLY DENSE MAGICAL ESSENCE.
YES... IT'S STILL THERE...
...GRIMM'S MAGIC REMAINS BEHIND THAT DOOR EVEN NOW...
... SHELTERED BY AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MAGICAL ESSENCE....

BOTTLE: YAMAZAKI
HE GATHERED THE MAGICAL ESSENCE THAT POURED INTO THE DEMON WORLD INTO ONE SPOT...
TOKU (GLUK)
トク
TOKU
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トク
TOKU
GRIMM WAS A GREEDY MAN...
"GAKI (SHK)
AND THEN, LIKE THIS...
WHA...HEY! THAT STUFF DIDN'T COME CHEAP, Y'KNOW!!
DOBO (BLUE)
DOBO
...HE OPENED UP A LITTLE HOLE TO CONSUME IT ALL BY HIMSELF.
HE GUZZLED IT UP WITH GREED, AND THEN HE DROWNED IN HIS OWN GREED...
'COS THEY GOT SCARED, SEEING THERE WAS ENOUGH MAGICAL ESSENCE TO KILL THE GUY WHO WAS NUMBER ONE IN THE DEMON WORLD.
ジワ...
JIWA (SEEP)
...PEOPLE PANICKED AND STOPPED IT UP.
AND THEN ...
コト
KOTO (CLINK)

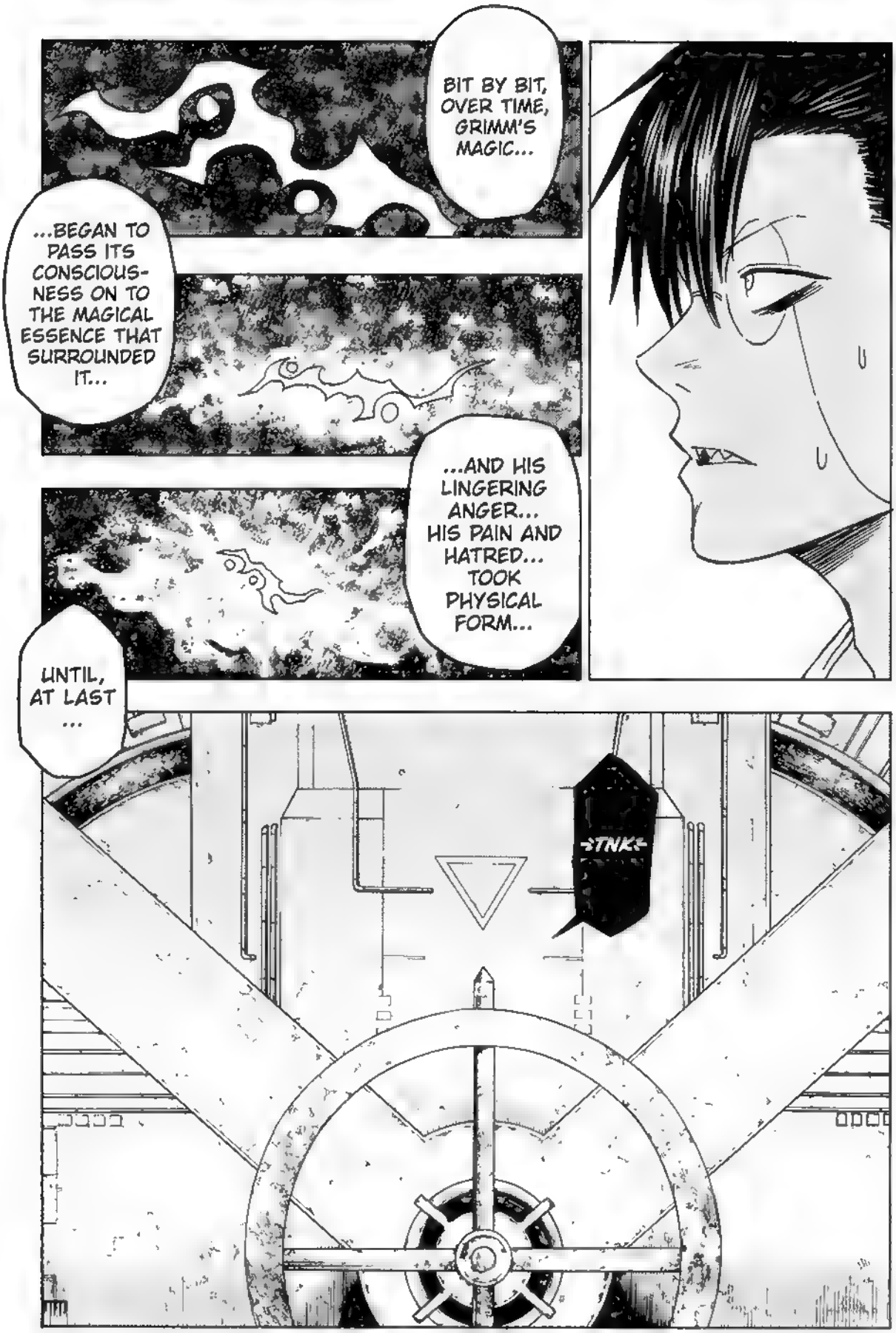
A DARK INHERI-TANCE...
...FROM SELFISH GREED AND SELF-PRESERVATION.

AND THAT'S THE DOOR.

JUST TO PROTECT THE CRAPPY IMAGE OF A CRAPPY KING...
NOW WE'RE STUCK WITH CLEANING UP THE MESS.
YES... THAT IS THE SECRET...

WHEN THE DOOR OPENED...
~10 YEARS AGO - RICHARZ'S STORY~
...OF THE THRONE...
.....NOW WE'RE GETTING TO THE GOOD PART.
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS...?
WAIT A MINUTE...
...AND THE CURRENT KING OF DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS, WOLF DADDY.
THE PEOPLE PRESENT AT THIS EVENT... WERE YOUR MAMA AND PAPA...

HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN? ARE YOU DRUNK?
IF IT DID OPEN...
SINCE WHEN DO YOU GET ALL EXCITED FOR PUPPET SHOWS ABOUT OLD-TIMEY STUFF?
WHEN THE DOOR O
~10 YEARS AGO - RICH
THE DOOR... OPENED ...?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS... THERE'S NO REASON ANYONE WOULD DO THAT. .....IT'S SEALED OFF, ISN'T IT?
OF COURSE... THERE'S NO REASON TO OPEN IT FROM *THIS* SIDE...
HOO HOO!
KASHA (KASHK)
カシャ
...WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE.....
THE ONE WHO OPENED IT...


BIT BY BIT, OVER TIME, GRIMM'S MAGIC...
...BEGAN TO PASS ITS CONSCIOUS-NESS ON TO THE MAGICAL ESSENCE THAT SURROUNDED IT...
...AND HIS LINGERING ANGER... HIS PAIN AND HATRED... TOOK PHYSICAL FORM...
UNTIL, AT LAST ...
-TNK-

...A HUGE, TERRIBLE CREATURE BENT ON DESTROYING AND CONSUMING EVERYTHING...

IT BECAME ...

ギョロ
GYORO (GLARE)

...AND CAME OUT TO ATTACK ...

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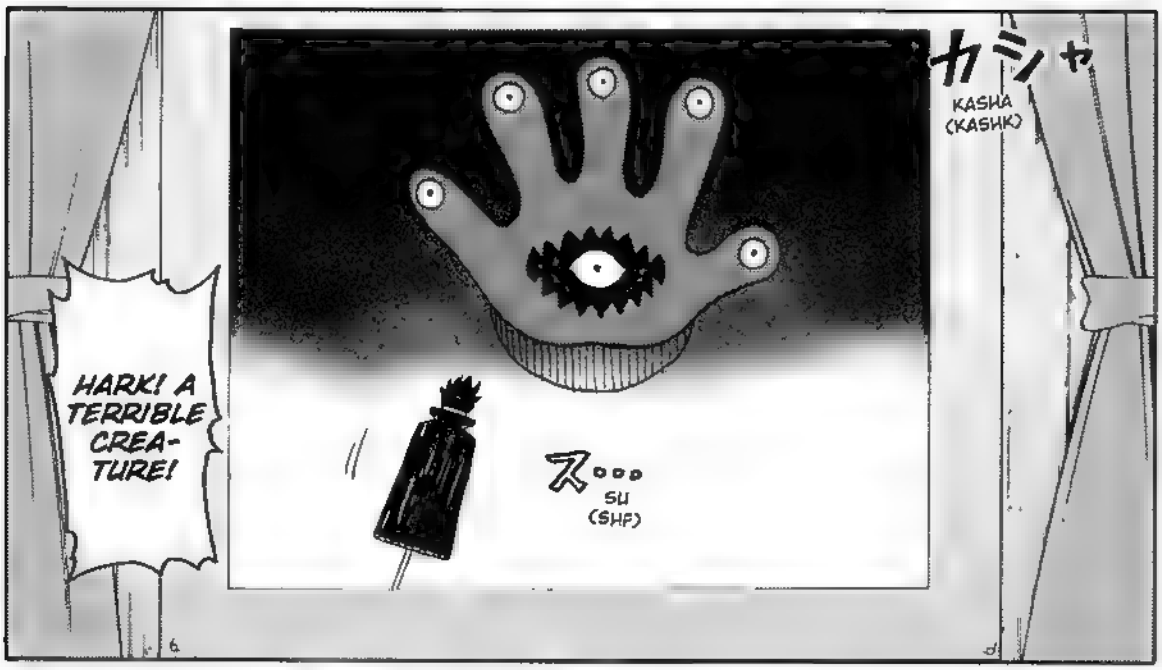
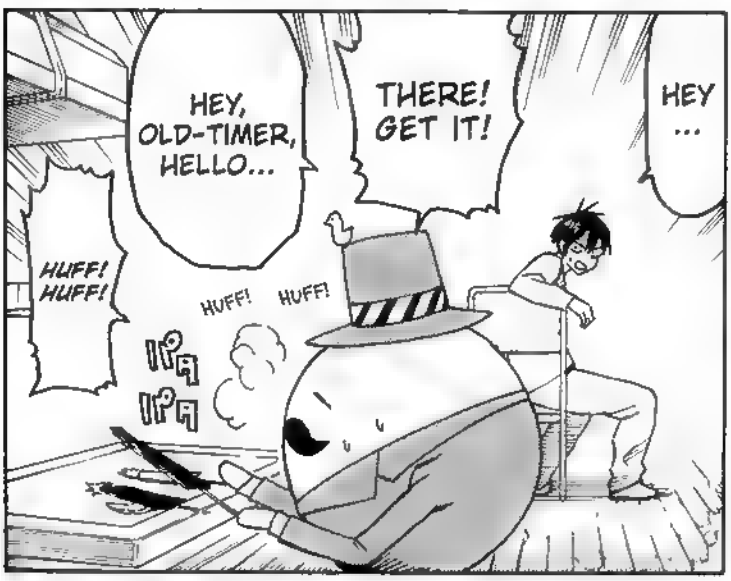




SFX: PATA (FLAP) PATA

WE GET IT, THIS IS THE CLIMAX. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK THAT HARD FOR IT!
HUFF! HUFF! OH, BUT THIS IS NOTHING ...
I CAN'T WATCH YOU DO THAT ANYMORE, OKAY!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
RIGHT ?
I MEAN, IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE CAN HARDLY TELL WHAT'S GOING ON...
どばぁ
DOBAAA (POOOUR)
WHAAA AAAAA— CRYING!?

STAZ...
SERI-OUSLY!? ARE YOU SERI-OUS!?
ガタッ
GATA (RISE)
EXACTLY WHAT PART OF THIS WOULD MOVE YOU TO TEARS!?
YOU COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND ...
カチン…
KACHIN (IRK)
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY I COULD UNDER-STAND...
NO...
I SWEAR YOU JUST KEEP SAYING THAT TO PISS ME OFF...
NOT THIS CRAP AGAIN...
SOME-THING THAT I...
ドスッ
DOSA (WHUMP)
...ONLY CAME TO UNDER-STAND JUST NOW.

DAD, WHY...?
...INHERIT THE THRONE INSTEAD OF ME...?
WHY DID WOLF DADDY...
...BUT YOU WILL USE THOSE POWERS IN OTHER WAYS, NOT AS THE KING.
YOU ARE A GOOD, CLEVER BOY...
I CAN HELP YOU DO WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE...
I'M NOT A CHILD ANY-MORE...
BRAZ ...
ALL THIS TIME...
...I BELIEVED THAT I'D SOMEHOW FAILED HIS EXPECTA-TIONS.
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY...
BETTER FOR YOU...

DAMMIT ...
HUFF ...
HUFF ...
DOSA (SLUMP)
ALL THIS TIME...
YOU OKAY, RICHARZ...?
HUFF! HUFF!
I LET IT GET AWAY, BACK TO ITS NEST...
YES...
...THAT THING TOOK HER WITH IT...
BUT MY WIFE...
I WAS ABLE TO ABSORB...SOME OF GRIMM, HIS MAGIC...BUT THE WORST OF MY EXPECTATIONS HAS COME TRUE...
AND ME...

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO JUST THAT...
BUT I CAN'T...
YES... I KNOW THAT.
WITHOUT ALL THAT MAGICAL ESSENCE TO SURROUND IT, IT'LL JUST DISAPPEAR!
QUICK... GET IT OUT OF YOURSELF! NOW!
I BELIEVED THAT...
AT THIS RATE, I'LL...
IT'S TENACIOUS, FOR MAGICAL ESSENCE...
IT'S CLINGING TO MY BODY, IT WON'T LEAVE.....
BUT I WAS WRONG...
WILL YOU... DO IT...?
WOLF DADDY...
...ALL THIS TIME...

DAD...
TEN YEARS AGO...

UNABLE TO PROTECT A SINGLE THING.....
...BUT THAT WAS ARRO-GANCE.
I WANTED TO PROTECT MY FAMILY... AND THE WORLD...

AND I WAS ALREADY USED TO BRAZ HATING ME, ANYWAY.
I KNEW WHAT KIND OF JOB I WAS TAKING.....

I TASKED WOLF DADDY WITH "THE VERY WORST CASE."
HEH...

...AS MY HEART WAS RIPPED OUT OF MY CHEST... THAT WOULD BE A LIE.
IF I SAID THAT I HAD NO REGRETS ABOUT LEAVING THIS WORLD...
AND I REALIZED SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OBVIOUS.
THAT TIME FLOWS ON, AND EVERYONE LIVES THE BEST THEY CAN...
AFTER I WAS REVIVED, I PERCEIVED ALL THE THINGS HAPPENING IN REAL LIFE...
THAT THE WORLD I WANTED TO PROTECT, IN MY SELF-CENTERED WAY...
...WASN'T SO FRAGILE THAT IT NEEDED SOMEONE LIKE ME TO PROTECT IT...
...TO BE DREAMS THAT MY DESPERATE BRAIN WAS SHOWING ME.

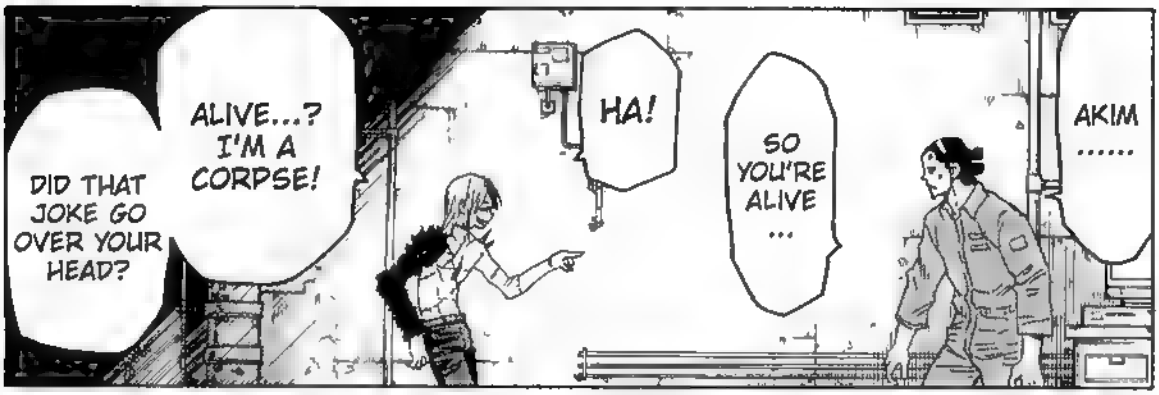
DAD... I'M GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING THAT I SAID BACK THEN...
LET ME HELP WITH THE KING'S WORK TOO.
ALL RIGHT...
BUT... THIS IS NOT WORK FOR THE KING...

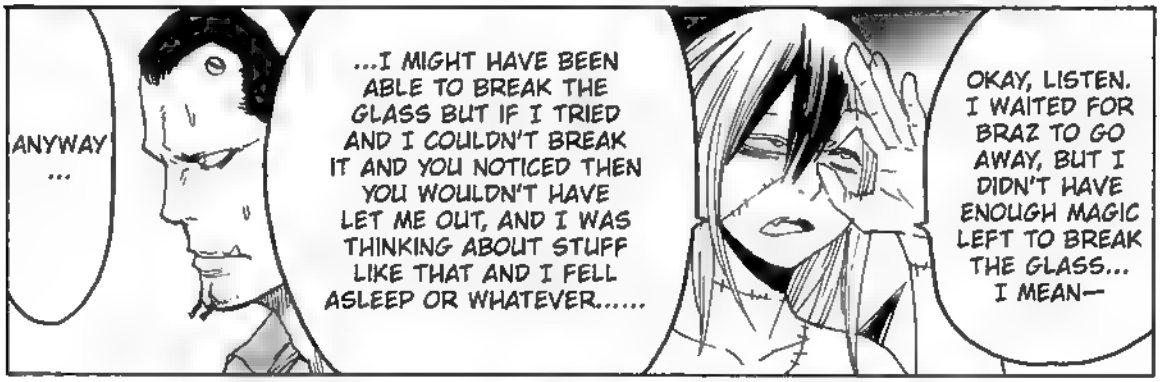
IT'S WORK FOR THE WHOLE DEMON WORLD.
I WANT ALL OF YOUR HELP. AS MUCH HELP AS WE CAN MUSTER.
THIS IS NOT THE KING'S COMMAND ...
...BUT A CALL TO RAISE THE FLAG OF REBELLION AGAINST THE KINGSHIP, BY A MAN WHO USED TO BE KING.
LET'S GET READY TO REWRITE HISTORY.
HOO HOO!

PIKON (BEEP) ピコン…
ガコン
GAKON (KATUNG)
PIKON ピコン 120
THIS BODY'S JUST AN EMPTY SHELL... BUT IT STILL HAS MAGIC...!?
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...
THIS IS.....
120, EH...?
BA (WHIP)
バッ

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, MY HEART IS OUT FOR A LITTLE STROLL...
...SO I CAN'T MAKE MAGIC BY MYSELF.
YOU—
IMPOS-SIBLE...
I KNEW IT WAS A GAMBLE, BUT...
OH, GOODY! LOOKS LIKE I HAD JUST ENOUGH MAGIC LEFT...

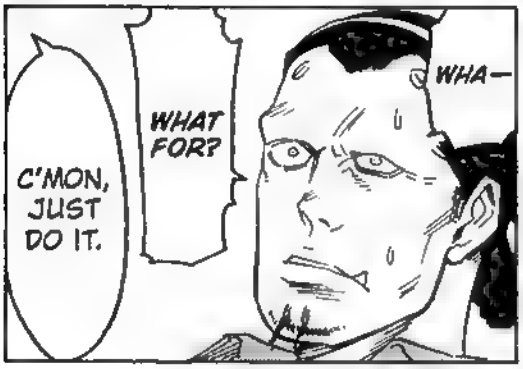
...NOT!
I ALMOST DIIIED!
ZU
ZU (ZMM)


AKIM .....
SO YOU'RE ALIVE ...
HA!
ALIVE...? I'M A CORPSE!
DID THAT JOKE GO OVER YOUR HEAD?


OKAY, LISTEN. I WAITED FOR BRAZ TO GO AWAY, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MAGIC LEFT TO BREAK THE GLASS... I MEAN—
...I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BREAK THE GLASS BUT IF I TRIED AND I COULDN'T BREAK IT AND YOU NOTICED THEN YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LET ME OUT, AND I WAS THINKING ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT AND I FELL ASLEEP OR WHATEVER.....
ANYWAY ...

PUT YOUR HANDS LIKE THIS.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME OUT!
DAN (BAM)
B·T


WHA—
WHAT FOR?
C'MON, JUST DO IT.

...'COS IF YOU MOVE I MIGHT KILL YOU.
OKAY, NOW JUST STAY LIKE THAT...
GUN (GRAB)
THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU...
GET READY...
ZUN (VOOM)
AH HA!

BAKUN
(JOLT)

!
DOKUN
(BADMP)
WELCOME HOME... ♡
...ME.
♠ To Be Continued ♠

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OOOO (OOOOH)
BRAZ'S BIG MISTAKE WAS SHUTTING AWAY MY HEART SO THE MAGIC COULDN'T GET OUT...
...BUT INSIDE A FRAME THAT I CAN ACCESS...
ドクン
DOKUN
ドク?!
DOKUN? (BAD MP?)
...WHEN-EVER I WANT.
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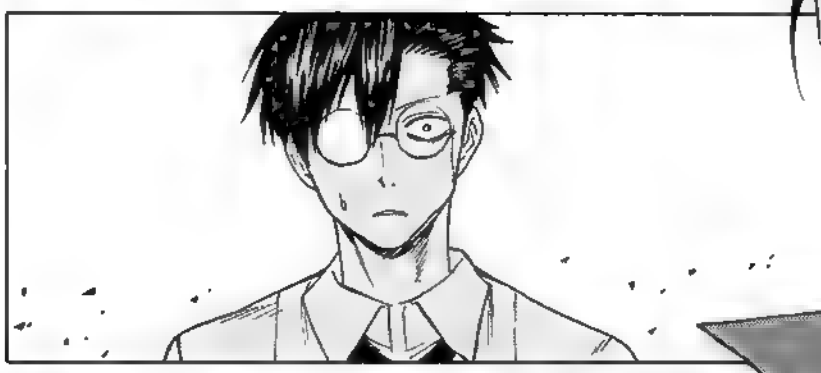
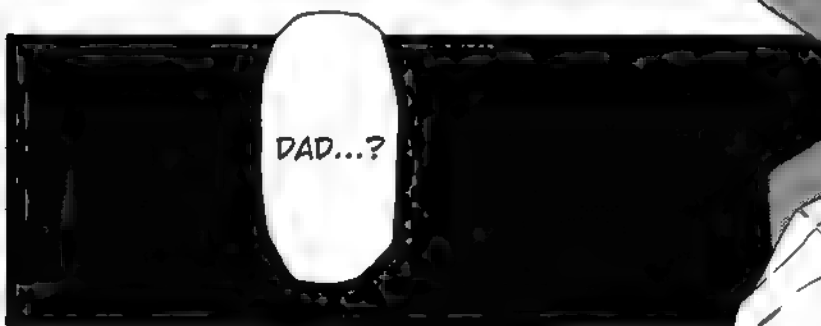
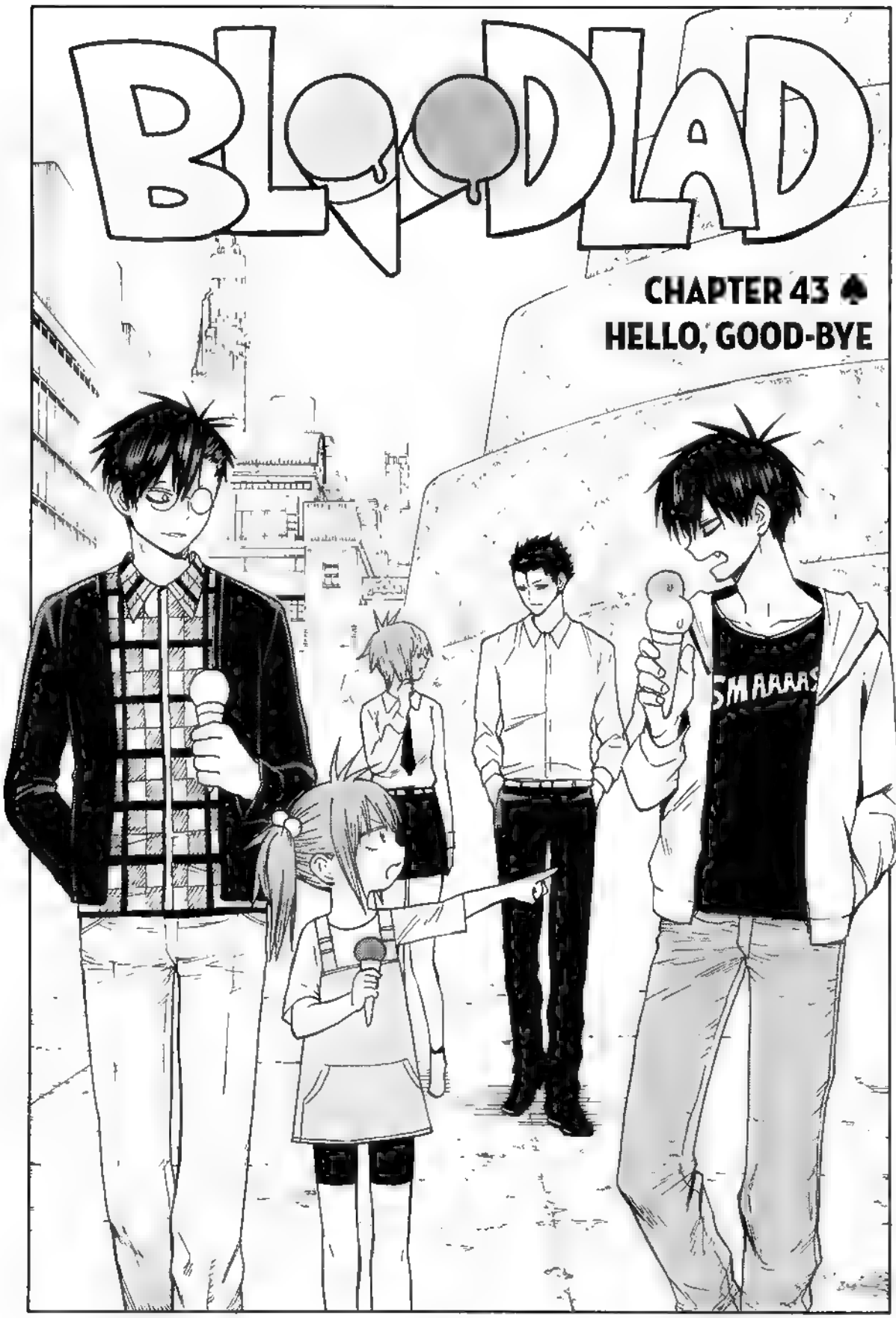



DAD...?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HELLO, GOOD-BYE

.....
WHAT'S WRONG, RICHARZ?
!
ガクン
GAKUN (SLUMP)
DAD !?
.....
BRAZ
.....
BUSHU (SPURT)
ブシュ
ブシ
BUSHI (GUSH)
IT SEEMS THAT YOU LEFT SOMETHING YOU COULD NOT CONTROL.....
...UP TO SOMEONE ELSE...

.....
I NEED TO BE PAID FAIR AND SQUARE FOR ALL THE WORK I DID.....
DON'T YOU THINK SO TOO?
SU (SHF)
A STRAW? ...WHAT ARE YOU UP TO...
DOKUN (BADMP)
ドクン
THIS ISN'T OVER, OF COURSE...
ZU (SLURP)
I'M THE ONE WHO MADE THAT MAGIC CIRCULATE...
...SO IT'S MINE.
TOPUN (PLISH)

HEY... WHAT'S THAT... WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?
BRAZ!
ゴクン
GOKUN (GULP)
HEY, BRAZ!
..... STOP ...
AKIM ...
GOKU
GOKU
GOKU
GOKU
GOKUN
GOKU

AND, FINALLY...
カサッ
KASA (RUSTLE)
...I'D LIKE TO READ YOU THIS MESSAGE THAT RICHARZ ENTRUSTED TO ME WHEN HE SENT YOU TWO HERE.
HOW-EVER...

NOW, THEN.....
オホン
OHON
CAHEM)
...ONE CAN'T GET VERY MANY WORDS INTO THE TRANSPORTER, SO DO TRY NOT TO BURST OUT WITH "WHAT, THAT'S ALL?"
"TO MY CHILDREN ...
"...I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING A LOOK AT THE TRUTH..."
"...AND...
PAKI (CRACK)
"I'M SORRY I NEVER TOLD YOU...

GYOBA
(GWOOSH)

"I MUST LEAVE THE REST TO YOU."
BAKI (KRIK)
GUA (VOOSH)
BOKI (POP)
BEKI (SNAP)
DO (THUD)
ZUSHA (STOMP)
BUA (FLING)

APPLAUSE, PLEASE! ♡

ドドド

DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
(DUM)
BASA
(FLAP)

APPLAUSE, PLEASE! ♡

HMM?

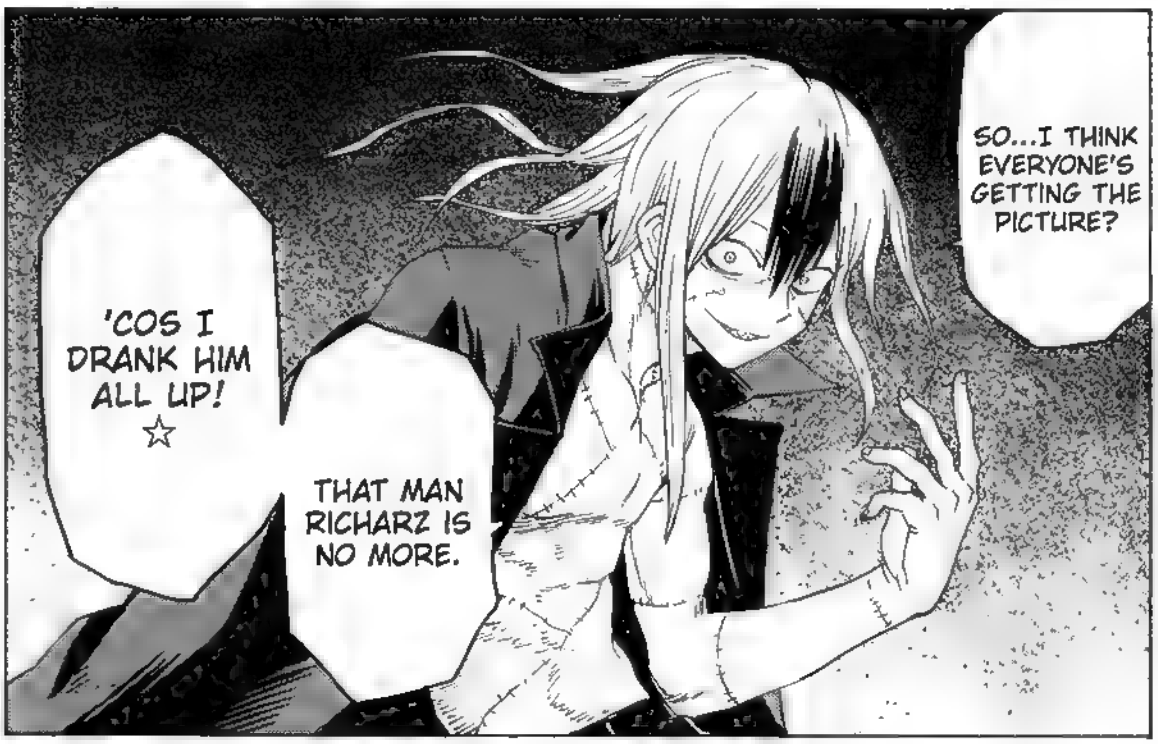
WHY IS RICHARZ ON THE FLOOR?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM...?
GIRI (CLENCH)
WHAT'S GOING ON...? YOU...
...BETTER EXPLAIN.
.....
BRAZ...

AH HA! ☆
DON (BOOM)
OOH, I LOVE THOSE EYES.
BURNING WITH THE DESIRE TO AVENGE YOUR DAD...
JUST BEAU-TIFUL!

ZUBO (SHWOP)
IT'S SLOWING YOU DOWN.
GOHO (ARK)
BUT YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO TENSE, I THINK.
OH, HEY. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
.....
DO (THUD)
BUSHU (SPURT)
BUSHU (GUSH)
YOU...

ドオン
DOOON
(CRAAASH)
ガ
GA
(WHAM)

.....
ズル
ZURU
(SLIDE)
シュー
SHUU
(PSHH)
I ♥
EY


SO...I THINK EVERYONE'S GETTING THE PICTURE?
'COS I DRANK HIM ALL UP! ☆
THAT MAN RICHARZ IS NO MORE.

THIS JUST AIN'T A GOOD TIME FOR US TO MESS AROUND WITH YOU.
YEAH? I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE ONES WHO AREN'T GETTING THE PICTURE.
DO
(CLUNK)
I KNEW IT...
NI
(GRIN)
BUT AREN'T YOUR PARTS A LITTLE OUT-DATED?
I CAME HERE TO PLAY WITH YOU.
YOU ARE NUMBER ONE AROUND HERE.

ZOWA (SHOCK)
HE JUST APPEARED..... BUT HE CAN'T BE SERIOUS ...!!
.....WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT!?
ZU ZU ZU
HE WANTS TO FIGHT THE KING!?
DOES HE REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS!?
THIS CAN'T HAPPEN ...!
NO! SIRE, YOU MUSN'T!!
THE THRONE IS ON THE LINE...!!
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE BITTEN BY YOUR OWN DOG.....
ZU
ZU

DOOO
(BOOOM)
AH-HA-HA-
HA-HA!

.....UH-
OH. HE'S
TOTALLY
LOST IT.
SIRE!!
I ♥
NEY!
WOLF
DADDY...
...WON'T
BE
HOLDING
BACK...!

DOBO
(BABAM)

HA-HA-
HA-HA!!
AAAHH
...!!
BO
VOOM
BO
BO
BO
BO
GET READY
TO BE
PULVERIZED...

OBEDIENCE LASER!

BOOM!
GYUIIII (BWEEEM)
キュイイイイ
AAARGH! I'M DONE FOR!
KYA (CACKLE)
キャ…
キャ…
KYA
...IS WHAT THAT WAS S'POSED TO DO...
RIGHT?
KA (FLASH)

I DRANK UP RICHARZ.
I TOLD YOU.
HOW...
WHAT THE HELL ...
...YOU ABSORBED MY MAGIC...?
YOU'RE SAYIN' ...
SO BEAM-TYPE MAGIC DOESN'T WORK ON ME...
DO
DO (DUM)
DO
DO
AND SINCE I MOVE BY CONTROLLING OTHER PEOPLE'S MAGIC...
...THAT MEANS THE MORE I TAKE IN, THE PRETTIER AND PRETTIER I GET...
BINGO... WITH MY MOUTH, RIGHT HERE!
THAT'S THE ABILITY I GOT FROM RICHARZ.....

SO, WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?
YOUR MAJESTY. ♡
BA (WHOOSH)
(VOOM)

ドドDO (WHAM)
THIS IS BAD...!
IF THIS KEEPS UP... WE'RE IN TROUBLE TOO...
WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO STOP THEM... BUT...
WHO'S GONNA GET BETWEEN THOSE TWO...?
..... IT'S MY FAULT ...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF AKIM PROPERLY...

NO WAY... YOU'RE GONNA STOP THEM...?
HURRY UP.
.....
HEY ...
?
DO I REALLY STILL NEED THIS? TAKE THE COLLAR OFF.

FINALLY, I CAN LET LOOSE.

BASHU (VWISH)
=CHK=

AW- RIGHT.
STAZ ...
STAZ ...

GAN (BAM)
!
BO (BA)
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP MOPING OVER DAD? JUST LET IT GO.
YOU'RE PATHETIC.

THANKS TO YOU WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.
YEAH, I SAID IT... THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT.

SO LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.
MY RAP SHEET FOR MAKING EVERYTHING WORSE IS PROBABLY LONGER.
I MEAN, THIS HAPPENS TO ME A LOT TOO.
(OOOM)

DO (STAB)

JUST THROW AWAY EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND FACE UP TO THE MOMENT.
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU WON'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO LOSE.
ZUZAZA (SKIIID)
DOBO (SPURT)
HUFF! HUFF!
ZU (ZMM)
ZU
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE IN A ROUGH SPOT...YOUR MAJESTY. ☆
SO HOW ABOUT WE GET IT OVER WITH?

ZUN
(SHOONK)
HUH?
BUSHI
(SPURT)
BUSHU
(GUSH)
ZA
(STEP)
...SO I CAME TO VISIT.
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE LONESOME...
OOO
(OOOM)

THOUGH I NEVER WOULDA THOUGHT YOU'D WELCOME ME BY GENUFLECTIN'...
DON (DLLIM)
NOT SO BAD FOR A FAMILY REUNION.
♠ To Be Continued ♠

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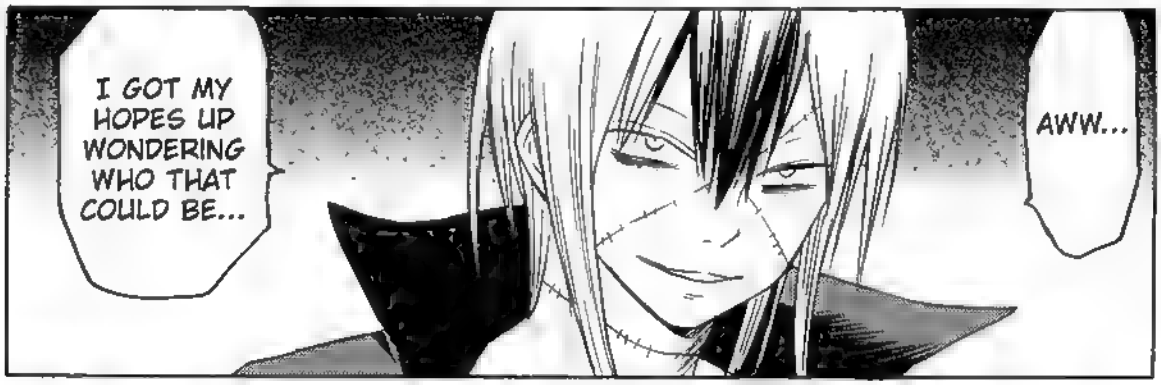
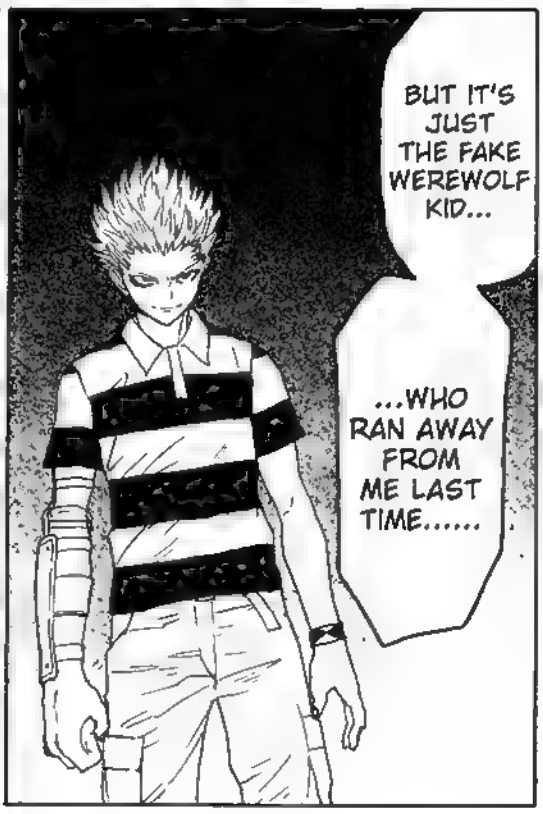
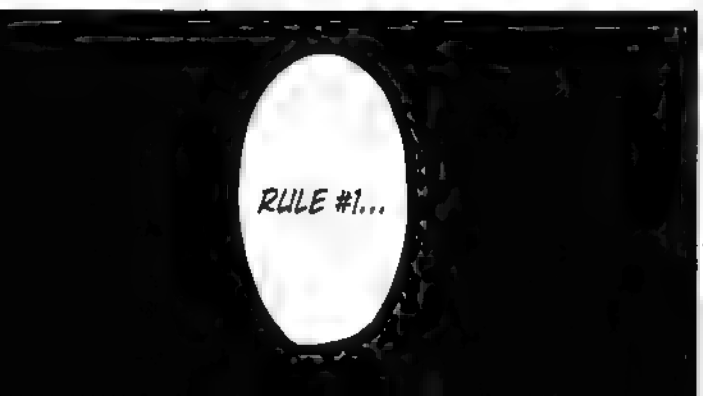

I GOT MY HOPES UP WONDERING WHO THAT COULD BE...
AWW...

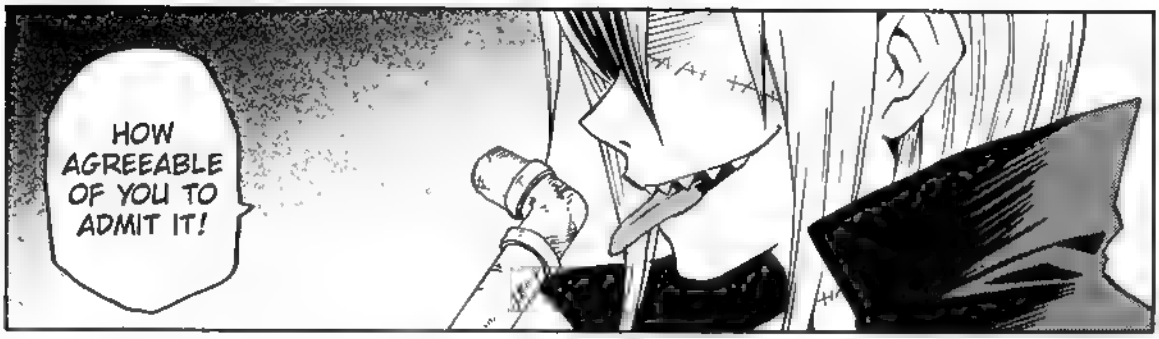
IT SURE IS.


BUT IT'S JUST THE FAKE WEREWOLF KID...
...WHO RAN AWAY FROM ME LAST TIME.....


RULE #1...

...IS "RECOGNIZING" YOURSELF, WOLFBOY.
YOU'RE NOT TOO BRIGHT, AND ON TOP OF THAT YOU GOT A MEAN TEMPER.
A CLASSIC DUMB DELINQUENT TYPE.
WHAT WAS THAT!?
EXACTLY. THAT, RIGHT THERE.
YOU CAN'T SEE YOURSELF, SO YOU CAN'T ACCEPT IT.
YOU JUST TRY TO SHOVE EVERYTHING ASIDE AND GO YOUR OWN WAY.....
NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE THAT SORTA GUY, BUT...
...IF YOU WANT "MY" POWER, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO MEND YOUR WAYS.
ガサ GASA (RUSTLE)
OOPS.
JUST RAN OUT OF SNACKS.
YOU, GO GET SOME MORE. STAT.
BAG: LITTLE FISHY CHIPS
WHA?

YOU'RE JUST USING ME FOR A DAMN GOFER!
THIS AIN'T NO CLASS...
MAAAY I...?
SURE!
I'LL JUST BE HERE HAVING A DRINK WITH BELL-CHAN.
HOW ABOUT IT?
I LOVE IT!
N...NOW HOLD UP A SEC.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE QUALIFIED FOR NOW, ZERO-BOY.
WELL, YEAH.
NOW GO AND GET SOME SNACKS THAT WE'LL LIKE.
PI (FWIP)
YOUR BUDGET IS 2,000 YEN.
YOU HEARD THE LADY.
WHY YOU...
PERFECT-SCORE-GIRL WOULD LIKE SOME YAKITORI.
TCH.
FINE...
...YOU'LL GET A REWARD.
IF YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL AT YOUR FIRST TASK...


HOW AGREEABLE OF YOU TO ADMIT IT!

SO DO YOU.

YOU...
...SEEM DIFFERENT SOMEHOW ...

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ブワン
BUWAN (BWOM)
NOW WHAT...? SOMEONE'S DOWN THERE.
THAT'D BE THE KING'S SON.

!

BE—

BELLI?
I HEARD, PAPA.
OH, A CERTAIN SOMEONE GOT A LITTLE TIPSY AND LET IT SLIP.
AND I HEARD ABOUT THIS CRISIS IN THE DEMON WORLD TOO...
YOU LET WOLF DADDY'S UNDERLING BORROW YOUR MAGIC, HUH?
WHA... HOW DO YOU.....
HE'S HERE TO PUT A STOP TO IT...
ZA (STEP)
.....HMM...
SO?

SO EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE COME HERE TO SAVE THE DAY AND ALL...
SORRY, BUT I'M FIGHTING WOLF DADDY AT THE MOMENT...
HUH...
BAN (BAM)
...I REALLY COULDN'T CARE...
ドゥッ!
DOGGO (WHAAM)

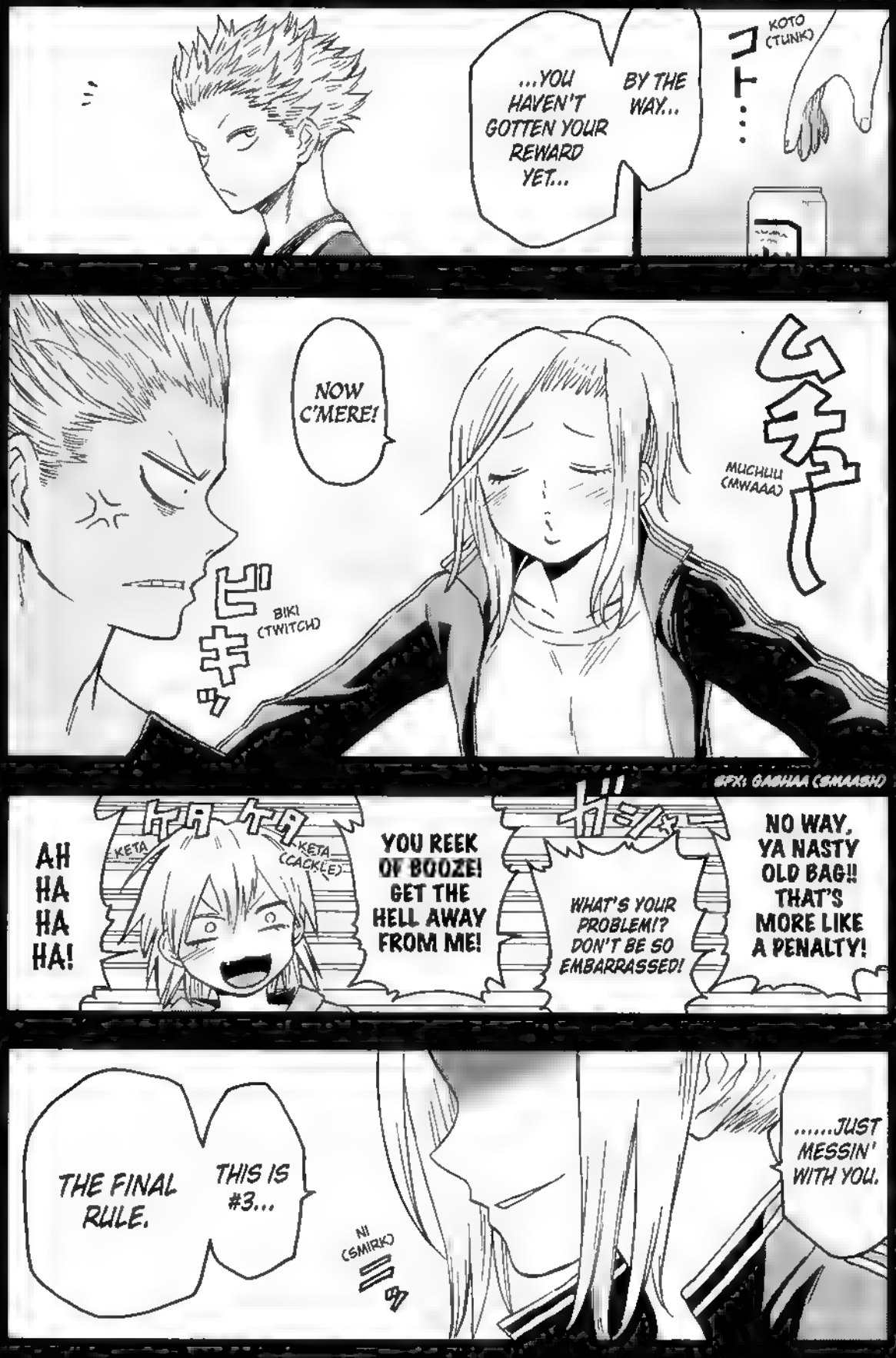
WHAT D'YA KNOW. LOOKS LIKE...
...YOU REALLY CAN'T SEE ME.
?
?
WERE YOU THAT FAST BEFORE?
THAT'S FUNNY .....
.....
ガラ
GARA (CRUMBLE)

RULE #2...
...IS "OBSERVING YOUR SURROUNDINGS."
IF YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION, YOUR SURROUNDINGS WILL COME INTO FOCUS ON THEIR OWN.
THAT SAID, I'LL ASK...

THE STUFF YOU JUST BOUGHT...
DOSSARI (CHEAPED)
WHAT IS THIS?
WHY WOULD YOU BUY STUFF WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHAT IT IS!?
WHAT, YOU THINK I CAN COOK!!?
UMAZ
WHO THE HELL TOLD YA TO BUY COOKING INGREDIENTS!?
HOW STUPID ARE YOU!?
PROBABLY VEGE-TABLES...
"I GA (WHAP)
AND WHAT D'YA MEAN "PROBABLY"!?
OBSERVE YOUR SURROUNDINGS! THE TASK WAS TO GO BUY SOME SNACKS FOR US TO ENJOY!
OKAY, OKAY...
AT LEAST THERE'S YAKITORI, RIGHT, BOSS?
..... FINE...
THEN I'LL MAKE SOMETHING. HAPPY?
トン トン (CHOP) トン トン
TON TON TON

JAA
THIS'LL WORK...
HE'S SEASONING IT BY INSTINCT...
WHOA...
KUN
KUN (SNIFF)
JA (SIZZLE)
NECO
BOTTLE: SOY SAUCE
GUESS IT'S PROBABLY VEGETABLE STIR-FRY.
DUNNO.
HMM...
I MEAN, IT SMELLS GREAT, BUT...
.....SO, WHAT MIGHT THIS BE?
HERE YA GO.
JAAN (TA-DA)
HOKO (STEAM)
.....
PAKU (CHOMP)
MOGU (CHEW)
.....HM.
IT'S NOT BAD...
ACTU-ALLY...
...PRETTY GOOD...
YEAH ...
...A BIT HEAVY ON THE SEASONING... BUT IN A WAY THAT'LL PAIR NICELY WITH THE BEER...

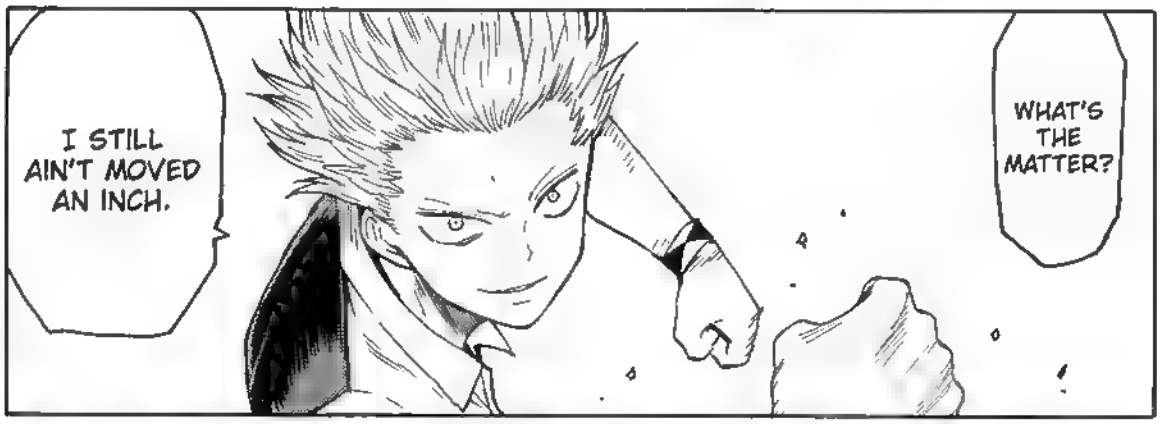
I CAN'T BELIEVE Y'ALL...
FOR REAL! AND WHO'DA THUNK YOU HAD A TALENT LIKE THIS...?
WHO'DA THUNK WE COULD HAVE SUCH A FEAST ON JUST 2,000 YEN...
OOOH... I'M BUZZED.
STUFF YOU CAN EAT, AND STUFF YOU CAN'T...
JAA (SHAA)
HELL NO...
YOU START TRYIN' TO IMPRESS THE LADIES?
.....
...I WISHED I COULD GET MY GANG SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT, EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT... THAT'S ALL.
AND...
EVEN IF YOU CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BY SMELL, IT'S NOT ALWAYS TASTY WHEN YOU PUT IT IN YOUR MOUTH.
I'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME TIMES I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL THE LAP OF LUXURY.


BY THE WAY...
...YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOUR REWARD YET...
KOTO (TUNK)
コト…
NOW C'MERE!
BIKI (TWITCH)
ビキッ
MUCHUU (MWAAA)
チュー
SFX: GASHAA (SMASH)
AH HA HA HA!
KETA
KETA (CACKLE)
ケタケタ
YOU REEK OF BOOZE! GET THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!? DON'T BE SO EMBARRASSED!
ガシッ
NO WAY, YA NASTY OLD BAG!! THAT'S MORE LIKE A PENALTY!
THIS IS #3...
THE FINAL RULE.
NI (SMIRK)
ニヤリ
.....JUST MESSIN' WITH YOU.

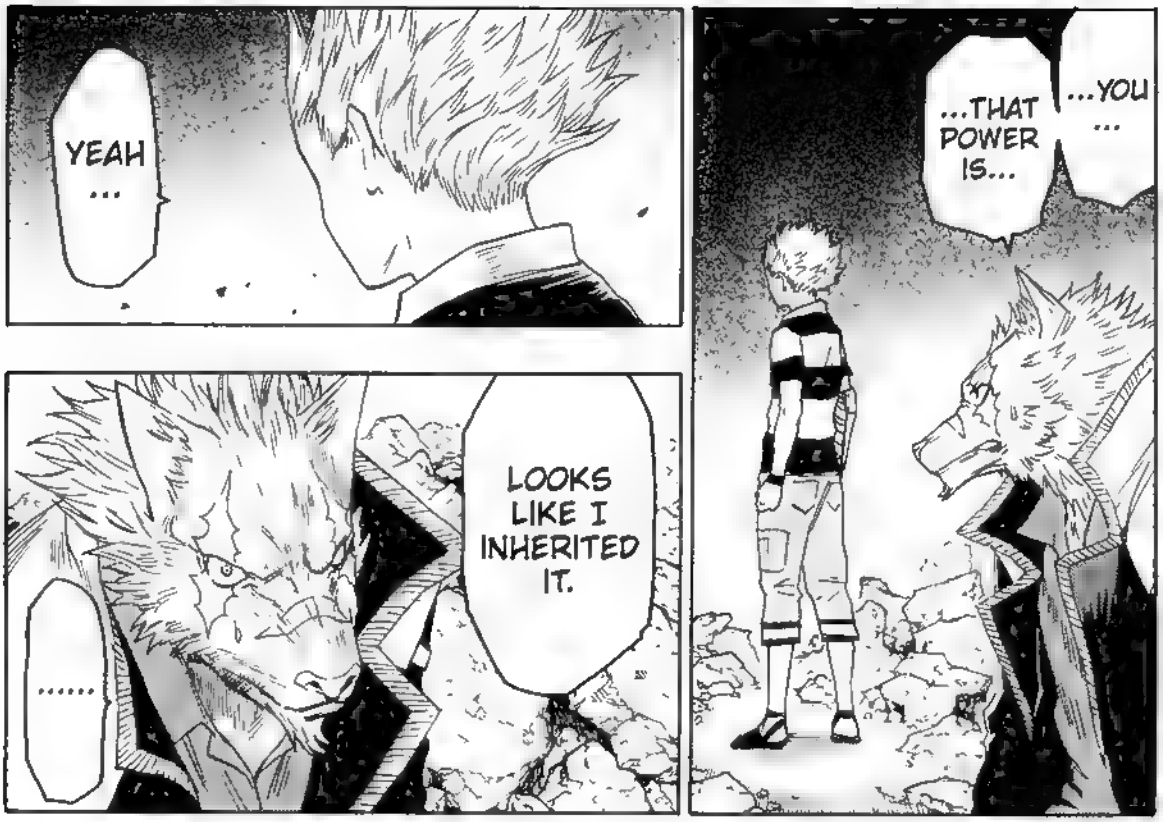
"DRAWING THEM IN"...
IS THAT BECAUSE YOU GOT IT POUNDED IN BY SOMEBODY WAY BELOW YOUR LEVEL?
YOU GOT A WEIRD LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
C'MERE.

GUA (ZOOM)
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY ANY-THING!
OH, I WAS GOING TO...
GIRI (GRIT)
DO (WHUD)
GUH...

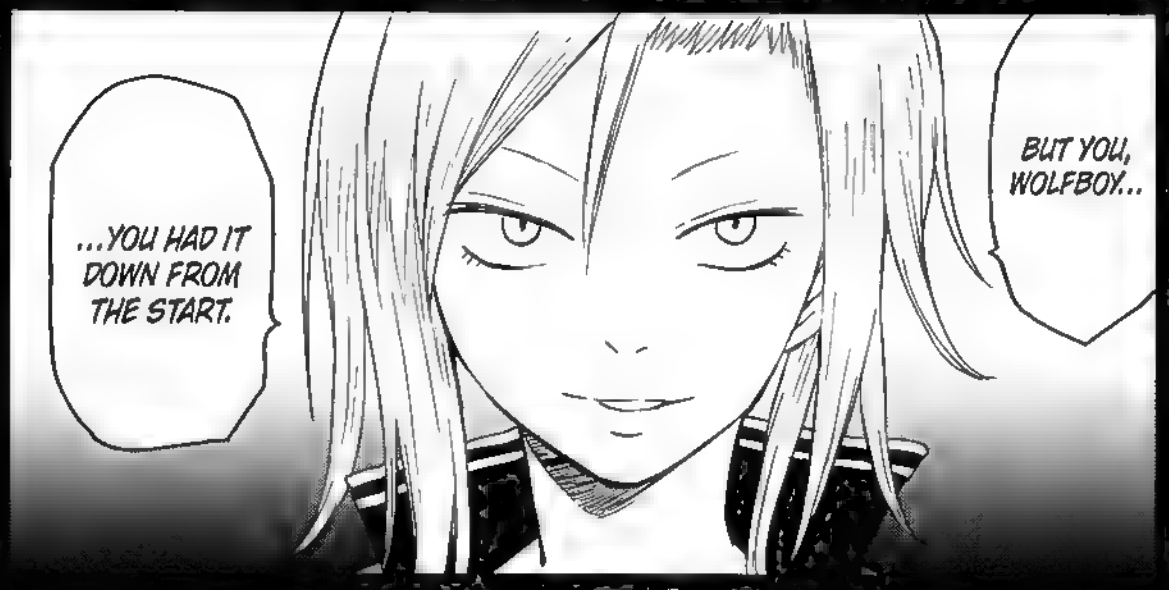
...IS HE CLOSING THE DISTANCE ALL AT ONCE...!?
HE DID IT AGAIN... HOW...
ZAN (SKSH)


I STILL AIN'T MOVED AN INCH.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

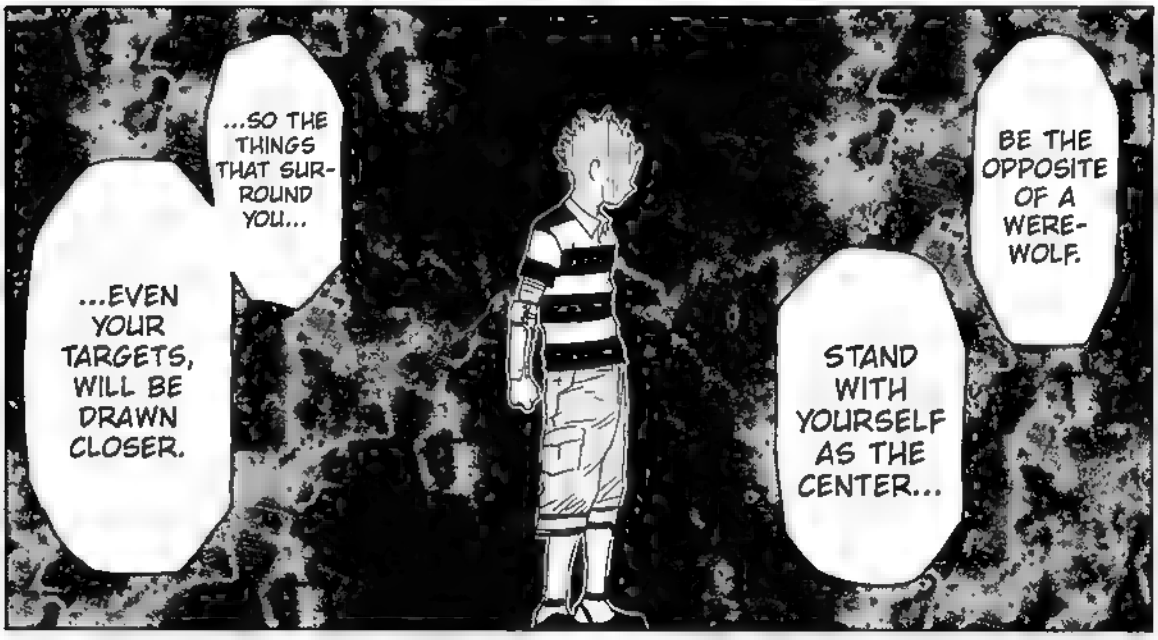
ZUZAZAZA (SKIIID)



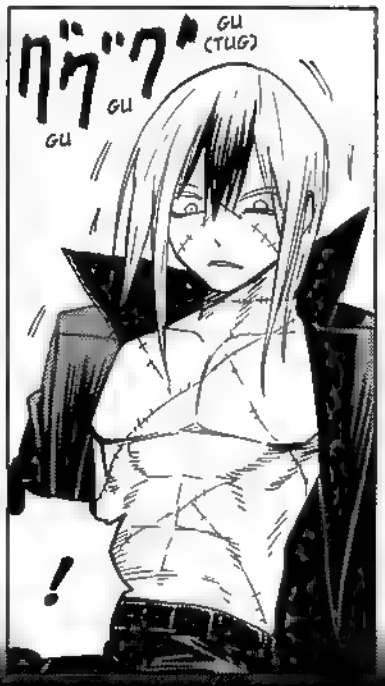
THE FINAL RULE WAS THE TOUGHEST TO LEARN.....

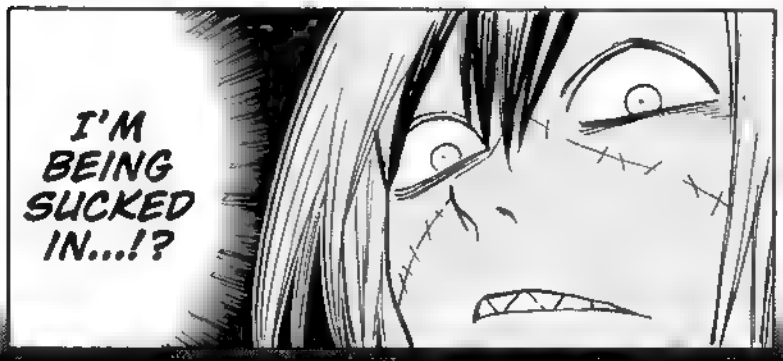


DRIVES ME UP THE WALL...
...BUT I WOULDN'T EXPECT ANY LESS FROM HIS KID.
.....KATY...
TON (TAP)
トン
YOU STAND UP TALL LIKE A MAN, GATHER YOURSELF...
...AND FOCUS YOUR MAGIC HERE, INWARD.
THE REST IS EASY.


BE THE OPPOSITE OF A WERE-WOLF.
STAND WITH YOURSELF AS THE CENTER...
...SO THE THINGS THAT SUR-ROUND YOU...
...EVEN YOUR TARGETS, WILL BE DRAWN CLOSER.

WHAT'S THIS .....
ZU (DRAG)
ZU
ZU


GU (TUG)
GU
GU
!


I'M BEING SUCKED IN...!?

THE MOST POWERFUL TECHNIQUE FOR A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE!
THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF THE FIGHTING ATTITUDE!!

BRING IT...

ズ
ZW
GZNMO
ZW

OH, I GET IT... THIS IS FUN.

HOW ABOUT IF I TRY THIS?

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OO
(WHOO)

FORCED AND ABSOLUTE CLOSE-RANGE FIGHTING!!

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CHARISMA!!

CHARISMA!!

BRING IT...
ZU (SZMM)
ZU
OH, I GET IT... THIS IS FUN.
HOW ABOUT IF I TRY THIS?
OO (WHOO)
FORCED AND ABSOLUTE CLOSE-RANGE FIGHTING!!

GUBA
(GWOOAR)
TA-
DAAA!!
GYUIII
(BWEEEM)
AKIM
LASER!
FIRE!!

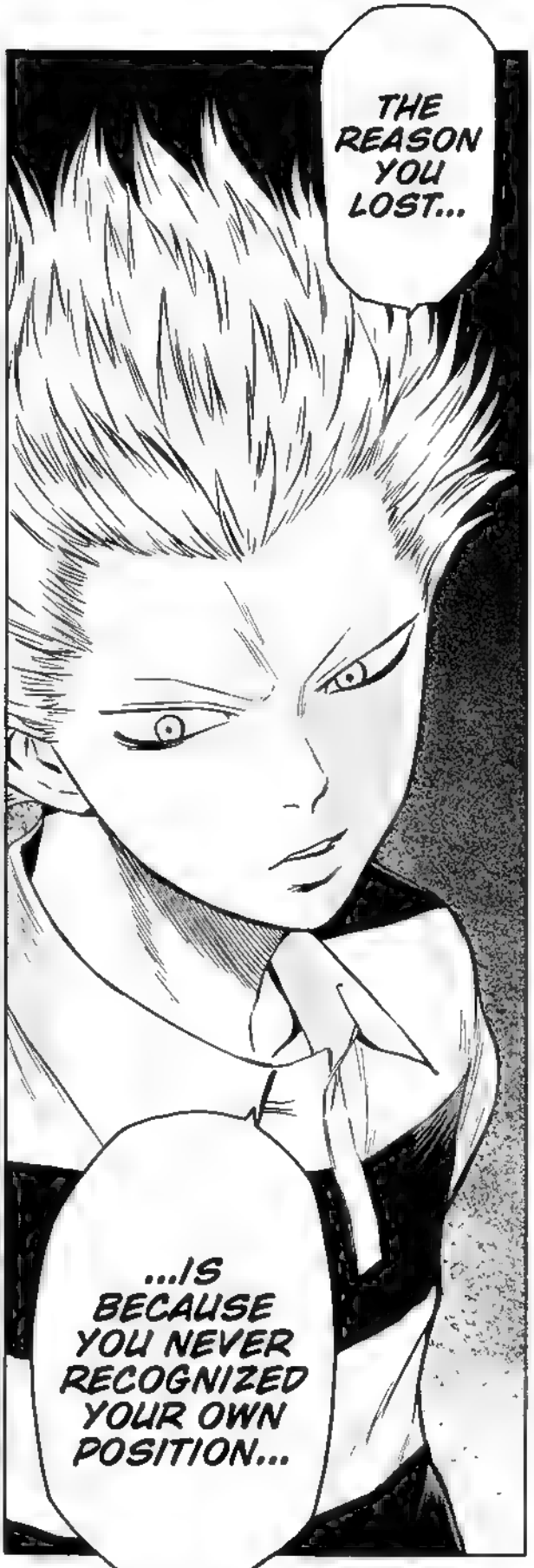
DUMB-ASS!!
バシ!!
BASHI (WHAP)
ギュ
GYUO (WOOSH)
オ!!
LOOK AT YOUR OPPONENT!!
オ!!
O (ROAR)
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT!? DON'T LOOK AT THE BALL!
MOGU (CHEW)
もぐ
もぐ
MOGU
AND THAT IS A RANGED ATTACK!!
...THEY'RE SURE TO DO ONE THING!
LISTEN! WHEN YOUR OPPONENT FIGURES OUT THIS TECHNIQUE ...

IF YOU JUST KEEP STANDING THERE, ALL THE SHOTS ARE GONNA BE PULLED IN TOWARD YOU WITH 100% ACCURACY.
THAT'S THE WEAKNESS OF THIS POWER.
HOW-EVER!
AN ATTACK YOU KNOW IS "COMING" IS...
...CONVERSELY, AN OPPOR-TUNITY!!
THAT CHICKENSHIT GUY WILL THINK HE'S SAFELY OUT OF RANGE...
...AND LEAVE HIMSELF WIDE OPEN.
DON (BAM)

SO BEFORE HE GETS TO SHOW OFF...
...YOU TAKE HIM OUT WITH ONE HIT.
DCBA (SPLTCH)
FUU
WHA...

OH, WELL ...
IF I JUST PUNCH THAT BODY FULL OF HOLES...I'LL FIND IT.
DOBO (GUSH)
DO (WHUMP)
AH HA!
BASTARD... YOU CHANGED WHERE YOU PUT YOUR HEART...
TCH...
...I WAS... STRONGER THAN THE KING JUST NOW...
WAIT ...
HOW... THIS IS IMPOS-SIBLE... HOW DID YOU...
WHEN I...

COAT: BRING ON THE DEMON WORLD



—OUR CHILD... KATY...
HE REALLY IS YOUR... NO—
ギ GI
ギ GI
ギ GI CREAK

カチン
KACHIN (CLICK)
GAKON (GATUNG)

GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
(RUMBLE)
!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
I ♥ NEY
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
...THAT BE—
.....
COULD
...
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
(BOOM)

DO
DO
DO
THIS IS...
DO
...THE WORST POSSIBLE TIMING...
AH HA!

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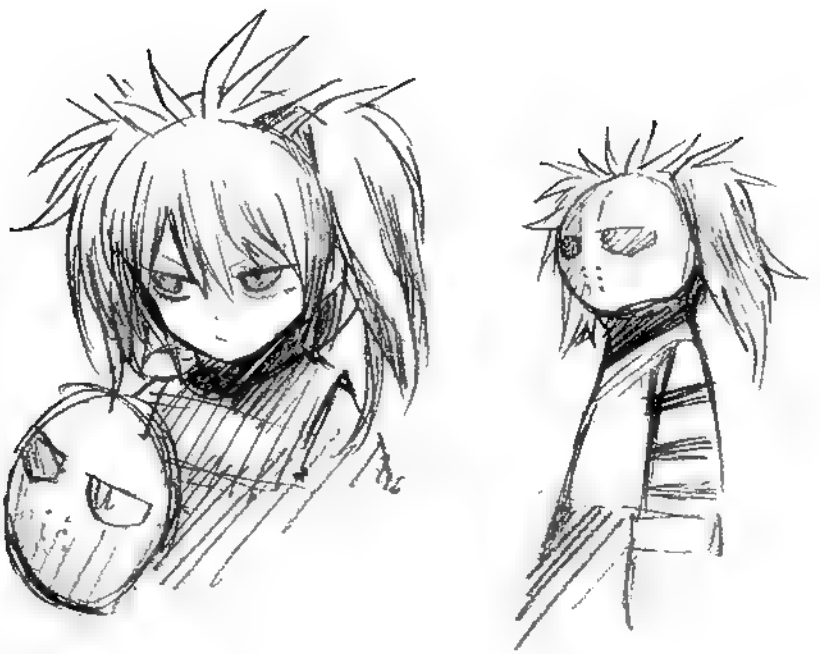

BLOOD LAD

DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
CBOOM!
CHAPTER 45 ♠ BAD COASTER

DO
IS THIS SERIOUSLY... THAT THING FROM THE.....
DO

HEY, WHOA, HOLD UP.....

THAT OLD BAG...

BIRI (PRICKLE)

BIRI

AH HA!

BO (VOOM)

SO THIS IS THE THING SHE WAS TELLING ME TO FIGHT...?

CHAPTER 45 ♠ BAD COASTER

DO (BOOM)

DO

DO

DO

GWOOOOO
DO
(BOOM)
DO
DO

BIRI (PRICKLE)
BIRI
THAT OLD BAG...
AH HA!
SO THIS IS THE THING SHE WAS TELLING ME TO FIGHT...?
BO (VOOM)
CHAPTER 45 ♠ BAD COASTER

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(BOOOOOM)
オオオ
ooo
(WHOOO)
BRING IT ON, PUNK!!

HUH?
ALL THE MAGICAL ESSENCE THAT WAS STOPPED UP IS GUSHING OUT!!
SHUT THE DOOR! NOW!!
THIS IS BAD... STAZ!!
BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO DO IT!?
OKAY...
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
CBOOM
WHA .....
SHUT THE DOOR OR WE'LL ALL DROWN!
...NOBODY ELSE'S MAGIC CAN REACH THE DOOR!!
RIGHT NOW...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN!

...BUT HE CAN'T DO IT ALONE...
WOLF DADDY... YOU OKAY...?
OOO (OOOM)
I ♥ IFY
ZA (STEP)
MY SON'S HOLDING OFF GRIMM...
YEAH ...
DOPA (BASHOOM)

THAT THING'S GOT NO SUBSTANCE— IT'S A CREATURE MADE ONLY OF MAGIC.
GYORO (GLARE)
...IT CAN CHANGE FORM...
オオオ
...AND KEEP ON ATTACKING FOREVER ...!
GIN (SWING)
AS LONG AS THERE'S MAGICAL ESSENCE IN THE ENVIRON-MENT...
SO?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL...?
BUA (BWOM)
!

BAN (VWOOSH)
THEN ALL I GOTTA DO IS KEEP HACKING AWAY AT IT...
...BY SENDING IT TO A SPACE WHERE THERE'S NO MAGICAL ESSENCE...
NO WORRIES.
PACHIN (SNAP)
YOU'RE ...
MARSH-MALLOW ...

THIS THING'S ABOUT TO LOSE ITS WAY BACK TO THE NEST.
オオオ
OOO (OOOM)
UGH. GUESS I GOTTA DO IT...
GO
GO (RUMBLE)
I DIDN'T COME TO THE ACROPOLIS TO DO CRAP LIKE THIS...
DO
DO
DO (BOOM)

BO (VOOM)
MAKIN' ME TAKE CARE OF THE BORING STUFF...
GOOOO (RRRUMBLE)
JERKFACE BROTHER! YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS!!

GA (GRAB)
GIRI (GRIT)
GI (CREAK)
GI
GI
RAAA AAH!

DON
(BOOM)
DAMN THING... AIN'T NOTHING THERE TO HIT!
DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL!
JUST CONCENTRATE ON DRAWING IT IN!
DOOON
(CRAAASH)
GLIN
(STRETCH)
GLIN

I KNOW! BUT...
!
IS THIS A GOOD TIME FOR US TO BE STANDING HERE LIKE IDIOTS!?
HEY... BOSS!
.....!
ゴォ
(OOOM)
I GET IT. ♡

オオオオ
(OOOOOM)
RICHARZ DIED...
...FROM DRINKING TOO MUCH OF THIS...
BUT THAT'S ALL IT IS...
NO BEAUTY TO IT...
ギュオ
GYUO (LUNGE)
ギョロ
GYORO (GLARE)
グパッ
GUPA (GWAA)
THAT IS SOME VICIOUS MAGIC...

STAZ... HURRY...
GI (CREAK)
GI
GI
GI
NGH ...
GAAAH!
HUFF!
HUFF!
THIS IS THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO ...
BAKIII (CRACKLE)

WELL, YES...
IT'S BEEN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO FOR ME SINCE RUNNIN' INTO YOU.
SHUT UP! DON'T TALK TO ME...
HUFF HUFF!
THAT THING IS MY FAULT...
GOKUN (GULP)
GOKUN
GOKUN
I CREATED IT...
WHAT YOU NEED IS A SUPERIOR ENGINE TO HARNESS YOU..... ISN'T THAT RIGHT...?
YOUR ONLY ABILITY IS TO DESTROY...

THAT COULD BE ME...
DO
DO (DUM)
AN INFINITE ENGINE TO CHANNEL YOUR STRENGTH .....
DO
INFINITE POWER, INFINITE BEAUTY .....
DO
I ♥ EY
YES...
WHA...

BAS-
TARD...

USING GRIMM'S MAGIC—

HAH, I WANTED TO TRY IT TOO...

MATERIAL-
IZING MY OWN MAGIC...

...FOR TOTAL CONTROL ...

IN EXCHANGE ...

DO COLUMO

IN EXCHANGE ...
DO COLUMO
DO
DO

BAS-
TARD...

HAH, I
WANTED
TO TRY IT
TOO...
USING
GRIMM'S
MAGIC—

MATERIAL-
IZING
MY OWN
MAGIC...

...FOR
TOTAL
CONTROL
...

ガパ
GAPA (GWOHO)
THE WAY YOU PEOPLE DO.....
コオオオオオ
KOOOOOOO (VHOOOOOH)
WOLF! PAY ATTEN-TION!
CONCEN-TRATE ON YOUR CHARIS-MA!!

BANG!☆
KYUDO
(SHOOM)

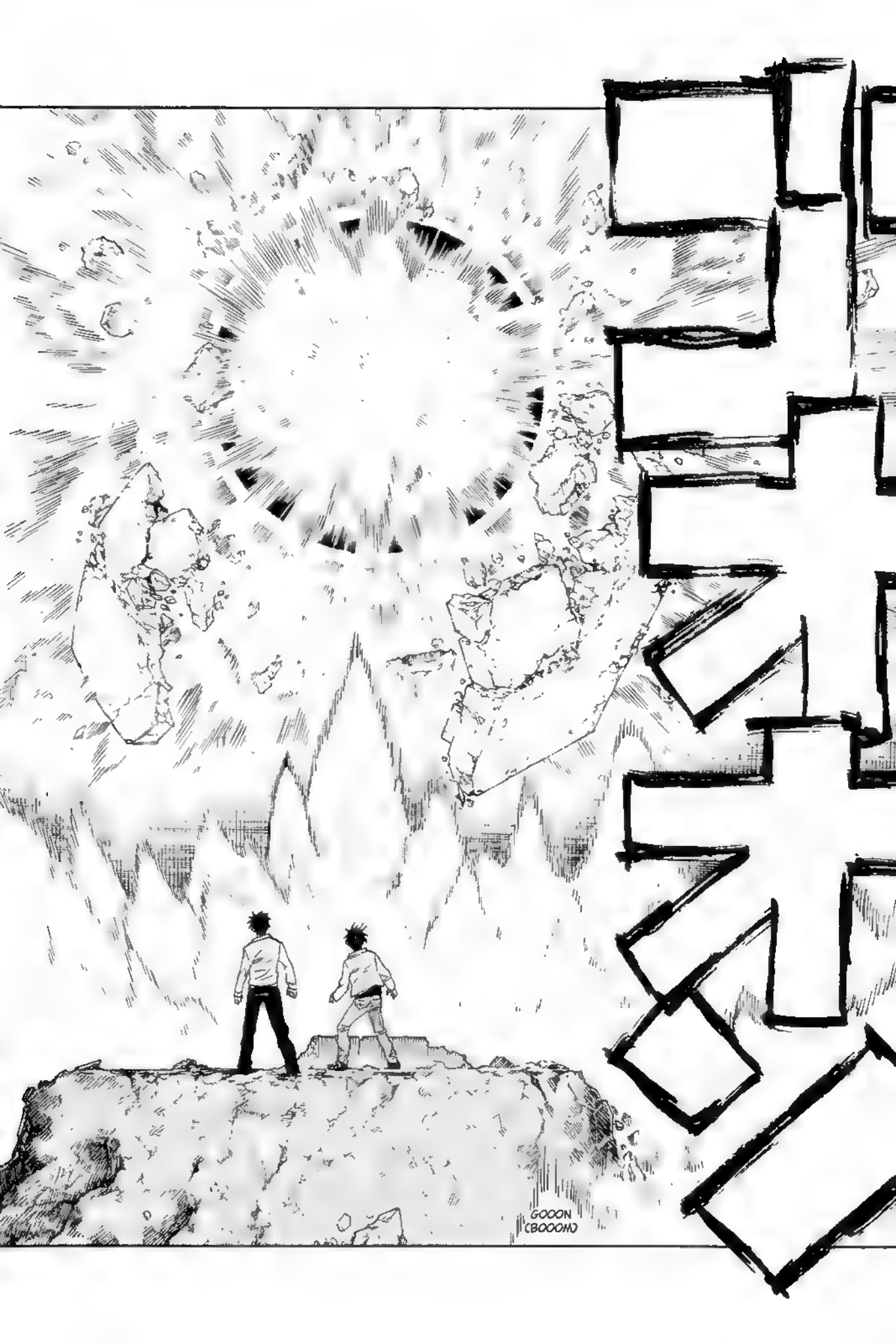
オッ
(VOOM)

DO
(BOOM)

AHH HA HA HA HA HA!

GOOON (BOOOM)

THE END


GOOON
(BOOOM)

AHH
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!

A DIRECT HIT ON SOMEONE'S PUNY LITTLE MAGIC!
ドドド

DO
GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW...
.....NOT GOOD.
HEADS!
OH...
RIGHT.
IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL DROWN IN MAGICAL ESSENCE...
.....
WHAT ...?
HEY! STAZ!
STAZ ...

.....
DON'T ...
I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL, BUT CALM DOWN AND THINK!
I'M BUSY AT THE MOMENT— USING ALL THIS MAGICAL ESSENCE TO RECOVER SOME MAGIC, OKAY?
ZU
ZU
ZU (ZMMO)
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO (DUMO)
STAZ!
WE HAVE TO RETREAT FOR NOW!

CALM DOWN AND THINK, HUH?
ぐぃ
GU (CLENCH)
WHOSE FAULT IS ALL THIS, ANYWAY?

IF YOU WANNA RUN, THEN GO AHEAD AND RUN.
GO (YWOONG)
I'M NOT GONNA TURN TAIL AFTER GETTIN' MADE FUN OF...

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Hoo
Hoo!
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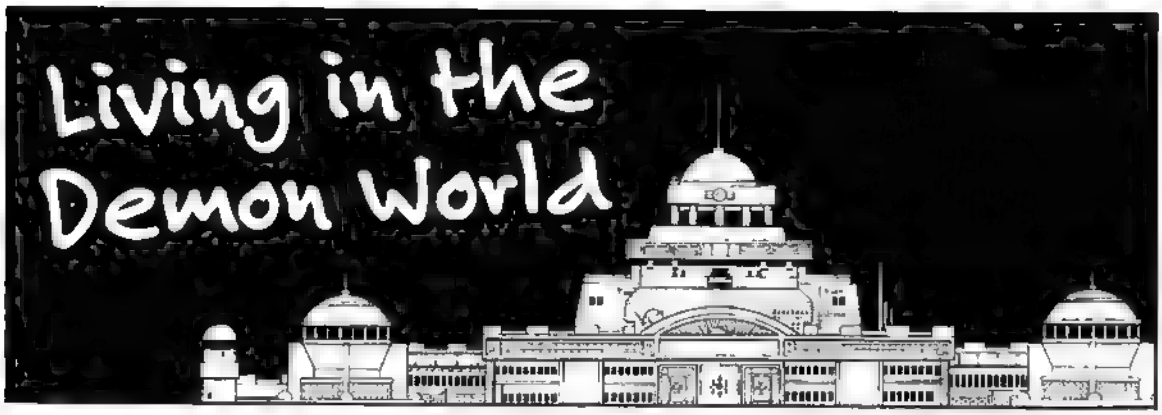
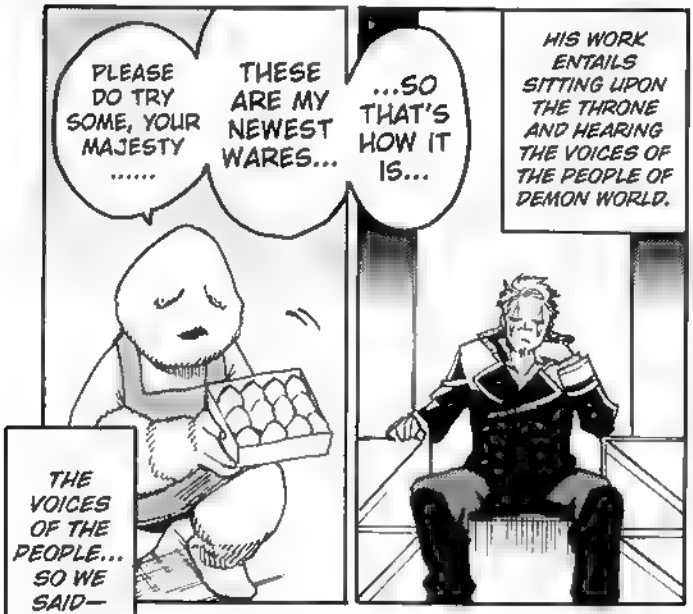

Living in the Demon World

AND HE SKIMS THE PAPER WHILE GETTING A SHAVE AND HAVING HIS HAIR DONE.
GOO (WHRR)
HE HAS BREAK-FAST RIGHT THERE.

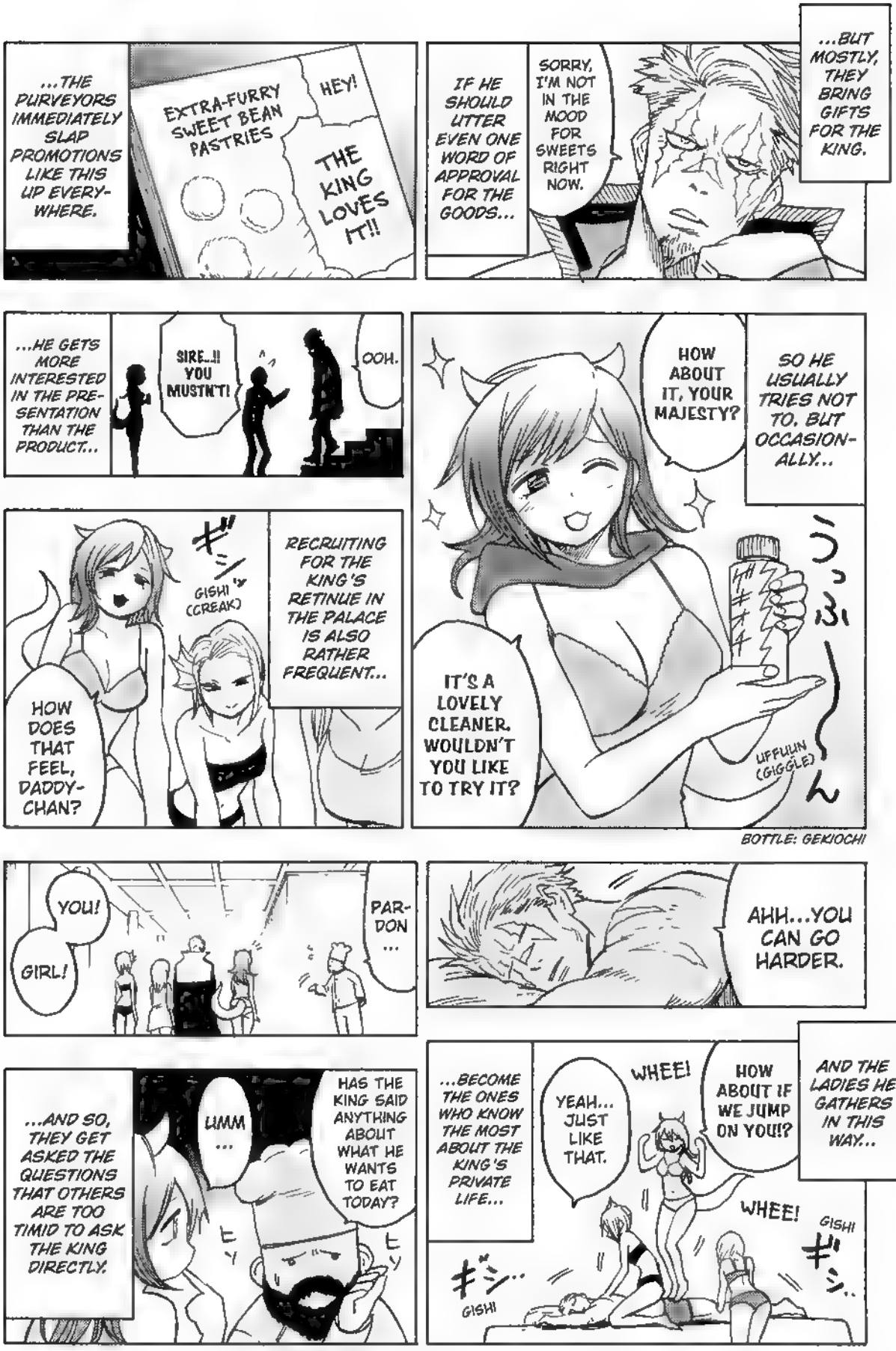
HE BEGINS HIS DAY WITH A MORNING SHOWER.
AHH.
THIS TIME, THE FOCUS IS ON THE KING OF DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS... WOLF DADDY.

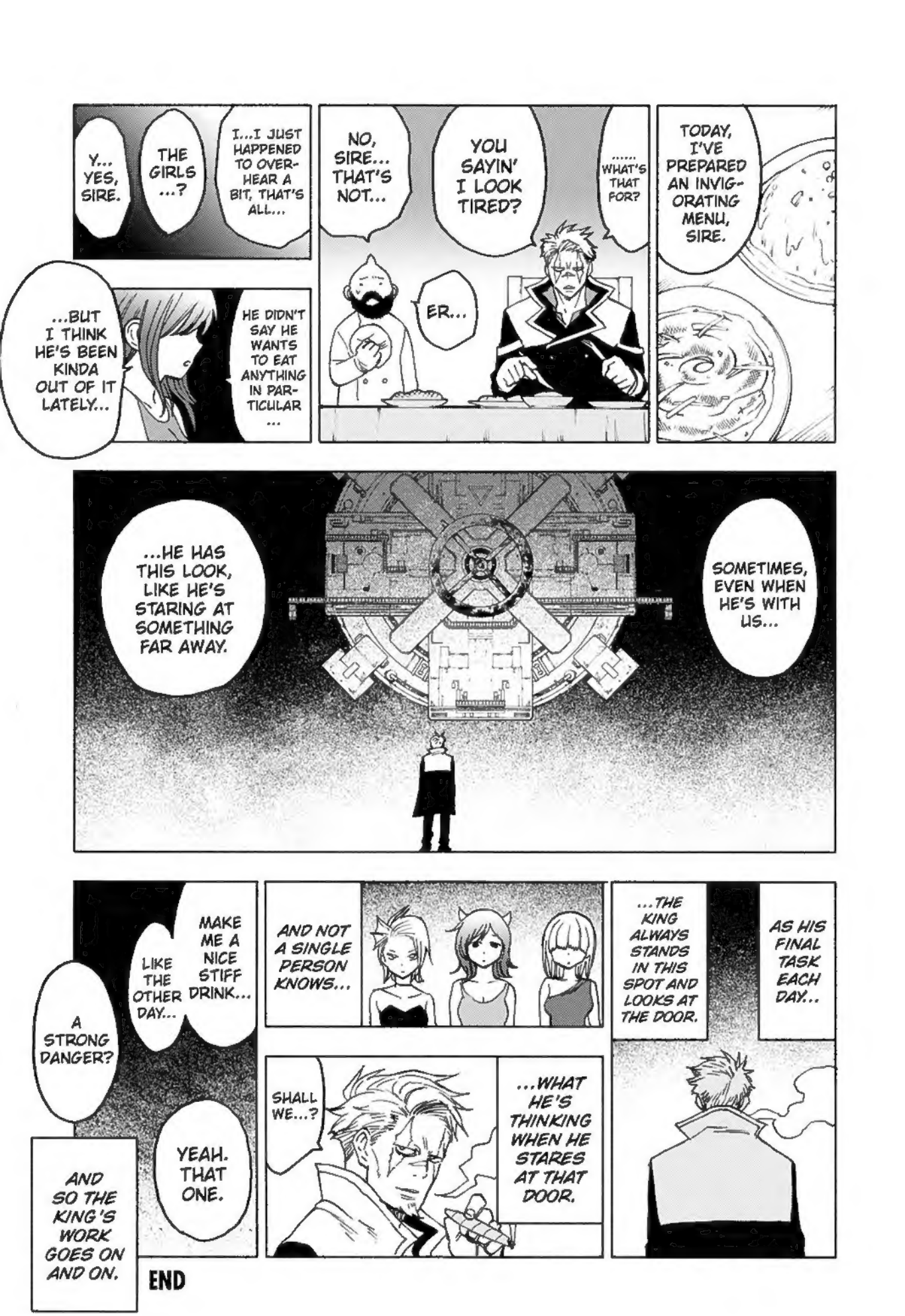
MRR.
PLEASE BE SEATED, SIRE.


PLEASE DO TRY SOME, YOUR MAJESTY .....
THESE ARE MY NEWEST WARES...
...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
HIS WORK ENTAILS SITTING UPON THE THRONE AND HEARING THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE OF DEMON WORLD.
THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE... SO WE SAID—

HMM... GOOD, ANOTHER PEACEFUL DAY...
Mysterious explosion in Demon World West!?

BASA (FLAP)
GOOD MORNING, SIRE.
ONCE HE'S FINISHED HIS ABLUTIONS, THE KING'S WORKDAY BEGINS.
MRR.


...THE PURVEYORS IMMEDIATELY SLAP PROMOTIONS LIKE THIS UP EVERY-WHERE.
EXTRA-FURRY SWEET BEAN PASTRIES
HEY!
THE KING LOVES IT!!
IF HE SHOULD UTTER EVEN ONE WORD OF APPROVAL FOR THE GOODS...
SORRY, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR SWEETS RIGHT NOW.
...BUT MOSTLY, THEY BRING GIFTS FOR THE KING.
...HE GETS MORE INTERESTED IN THE PRE-SENTATION THAN THE PRODUCT...
SIRE...!! YOU MUSTN'T!
OOH.
HOW DOES THAT FEEL, DADDY-CHAN?
GISHI (CREAK)
RECRUITING FOR THE KING'S RETINUE IN THE PALACE IS ALSO RATHER FREQUENT...
IT'S A LOVELY CLEANER. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO TRY IT?
HOW ABOUT IT, YOUR MAJESTY?
SO HE USUALLY TRIES NOT TO, BUT OCCASION-ALLY...
うぃ〜ん
UFFULIN (GIGGLE)
BOTTLE: GEKIOCHI
YOU!
GIRL!
PAR-DON...
AHH...YOU CAN GO HARDER.
...AND SO, THEY GET ASKED THE QUESTIONS THAT OTHERS ARE TOO TIMID TO ASK THE KING DIRECTLY.
UMM...
HAS THE KING SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HE WANTS TO EAT TODAY?
ヒソ
ヒソ
SFX: HISO (WHISPER) HISO
...BECOME THE ONES WHO KNOW THE MOST ABOUT THE KING'S PRIVATE LIFE...
YEAH... JUST LIKE THAT.
WHEE!
HOW ABOUT IF WE JUMP ON YOU!?
AND THE LADIES HE GATHERS IN THIS WAY...
WHEE!
GISHI
ギシ..
GISHI
ギシ..


TODAY, I'VE PREPARED AN INVIGORATING MENU, SIRE.
.....WHAT'S THAT FOR?
YOU SAYIN' I LOOK TIRED?
NO, SIRE... THAT'S NOT...
ER...
I...I JUST HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR A BIT, THAT'S ALL...
THE GIRLS ...?
Y... YES, SIRE.
HE DIDN'T SAY HE WANTS TO EAT ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR ...
...BUT I THINK HE'S BEEN KINDA OUT OF IT LATELY...
SOMETIMES, EVEN WHEN HE'S WITH US...
...HE HAS THIS LOOK, LIKE HE'S STARING AT SOMETHING FAR AWAY.
AS HIS FINAL TASK EACH DAY...
...THE KING ALWAYS STANDS IN THIS SPOT AND LOOKS AT THE DOOR.
...WHAT HE'S THINKING WHEN HE STARES AT THAT DOOR.
SHALL WE...?
AND NOT A SINGLE PERSON KNOWS...
MAKE ME A NICE STIFF DRINK...
LIKE THE OTHER DAY...
YEAH. THAT ONE.
A STRONG DANGER?
AND SO THE KING'S WORK GOES ON AND ON.
END

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...I GUESS NO COLORING BOOK HAS EVER HAD SUCH A POINTLESS PAGE...

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